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WILL PUSH HK TRADE WITH JAPAN TO NEW HEIGHTS - HIMSWORTH

Mr. Eric Himsworth, Superintendent of the Hong Kong Imports and Exports Department, declared yesterday that Japan, now being geared for a comeback in the industrial field, will eventually sweep into the markets of South East Asia, engulfing any local industry less well organised.

Speaking at a press conference, Mr. Himsworth revealed that the object of his recent mission to Japan had been to obtain details about trade on behalf of Hong Kong merchants.

He said: "There is a tremendous amount of room for more Hong Kong-Japanese trade, and we are going to push this to new heights. The emphasis in Japan is on exports, because American charity is not going to keep Japan forever."

"Through these exports they will pay for their imports. Their biggest needs are raw materials, particularly raw cotton, raw wool, rubber, iron and coal."

Saying that trade is rigidly controlled in Japan today, Mr. Himsworth explained that heavy industry is limited by the amount of raw materials the country can purchase, and that again is limited by the amount of imports which it can obtain, including coal. On the subject of textiles, he said that the number of spinning spindles in operation there at the present time is about 1,300,000, of which 1,000,000 are being used by the rayon industry. Before the war in Japan the number of spindles in the country totalled 14,000,000, of which 9,000,000 were in operation.

Competitive Prices

Unless there is a very big increase in the production capacity of Japan, said Mr. Himsworth, she cannot herself supply the de-

mand of the markets of the British Empire and Eastern Asia, consequently for some time there will be room for Chinese and Hong Kong manufacturers.

He pointed out, however, that this situation would not last forever, and if Chinese and Hong Kong manufacturers wanted to stay in the race, they would have to produce their commodities at competitive prices. In Mr. Himsworth's opinion there was no



MR. E. HIMSWORTH, Superintendent of Imports and Exports Department, (at top of table) telling reporters yesterday of Japan's trade capacity.

Japanese seem eager to pull together to avoid complaining and to get on with the job. It will take some years to reach a comfortable standard of living, but there are few in Japan to-day who believe that such a level will not ultimately be reached.

Mr. Himsworth said that SCAP is watching carefully to ensure that a return in the commercial field does not imply a return to Japan's pre-war position of political domination. SCAP has planned the future economy of Japan and is at present putting into force that plan.

No Smug Belief

This has been a tremendous undertaking, but with commendable courage and insight, SCAP has set in motion a plan they believe will eventually enable Japan to stand on its own feet. To date, SCAP's Economic and

Scientific Section has done a fine job, but there is no smug belief in SCAP that the plan is perfect or incapable of improvement, and officials are always on the watch to incorporate new ideas which will bring their plans to quicker fruition.

On the subject of SCAP's relations with Hong Kong, Mr. Himsworth said: "The Colony's efforts to promote trade with Japan are much appreciated by SCAP. With Hong Kong's exclusion from the Overall Payments Agreements made with the Sterling Area, there may be a temporary setback in our trade with Japan. The last word on the exclusion of Hong Kong from this agreement has probably not yet been spoken, but the way to meet the present problem is not to whine about what we may have lost, but to take our coats off and make the best of what is left. There is still plenty of trade to be done between Japan and the non-sterling areas in the Far East."

reason why they should not be able to do so.

Of conditions inside the country, he said that behind a facade of poverty, the people are going to work to retrieve their fortunes with a dogged determination. In Tokyo there are no long lines of coolies holding up the buildings, doing a job only when they feel like it, continued Mr. Himsworth, and there are no lawbreakers, there are no beggars, the labour force is applying itself to those jobs where it can be most effective.

"The Hard Way"

Stating that it would be wrong to deduce that the Japanese are being mollified by the occupation forces, he said they are being permitted to re-establish their economy the hard way. Provided that Japan can, by sheer hard work, make sufficient exports to pay for imports, SCAP will not insist that the present low standards of living shall continue. America will do no more than guarantee the minimum requirements of food and medical supplies to keep the country going in the initial stages. Knowing that their future standard of living will be determined by their own efforts, the

HIT COOLIE WITH IRON BAR

Because of an argument, Hon Wing Muk, 19-year-old coolie, struck Hui Ah Kau between the eyes with an iron bar. When Hon appeared at Central yesterday he was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment without the option. Inspector H. Brownrigg, prosecuting, said that defendant and complainant were having an argument outside No. 7 Tung Loi Street on June 15. For some reason defendant became very angry and picked up an iron bar and hit Hui who had to be treated at Queen Mary Hospital. Mr. Lo told defendant that he was going to be banished at the termination of his three weeks in Stanley, as he was not a desirable person to have in the Colony.

NO ADMISSION TICKETS

Five men went into the Kuo Yue Pong Theatre without buying admission tickets. They were caught by Entertainment tax. Inspector J. Muford and yesterday at the Central Magistracy were each fined \$25 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo on charges of breach of the entertainment tax.

Another man found inside the Kuo Shing Theatre, did not appear in court and his bail of \$50 was ordered.

Not Enough Evidence Against PCs

Ten of the 13 Chinese Constables who appeared on remand before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of conspiring to obtain money from passengers, so that a thorough search of their baggage would not be carried out at the Tung On Wharf on March 12, were discharged.

Mr. M.A. da Silva, for the defendants, submitted that there was insufficient evidence to prove the charges. He said that there was no evidence of a meeting of the defendants at which they had conspired to obtain the money and that there was no evidence that they had received money to influence their conduct as public servants.

The presence of traces of powder on some of the defendants was not evidence that they had received the money, as G.L. Morrison had said that the powder was so fine that anything contacting it would bear traces. The powder, it was stated, could be blown about and leave traces.

Mr. Silva added that the evidence was that the money was paid after a search had been made of a passenger's baggage and that the money so received was not to influence the conduct of the defendant.

The Magistrate held that three defendants on which traces of powder had been found had a case to answer and adjourned the hearing to June 23.

POP



Throwing a party!

Gave Four Cigarettes To Prisoner

Holding that the case is a serious one, Mr. F. X. d'Almada, at Central yesterday, sentenced Herbert Ho, alias Ho Kam-yun, 27, of 3 Lee Tung Street to a fine of \$250 or two months when he was found guilty of giving prohibited articles to a prisoner.

Inspector Moran, prosecuting, while Mr. A. F. Arculli represented Ho.

It was alleged by the prosecution that defendant, in the compound of Central Police Station on May 27, gave a packet containing four cigarettes to a woman prisoner called Tam So, who was being detained in connection with a case of alleged demanding money with menaces.

The woman prisoner, a witness for the defence, said she had picked up the cigarettes outside the entrance to the Charge Room and denied that defendant had handed them to her.

When reminded by the prosecution that the day in question was raining and the ground was very wet, she said that the place where she picked the cigarettes up was sheltered and dry and for that reason the cigarettes were not wet.

In giving his decision, the magistrate said he disbelieved the evidence of Tam So and sentenced defendant accordingly.

Allegedly Helped Felon

Hector Summers, 20, appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo on a charge of helping Leung Kwing Fuk, being a felon, to evade arrest and attempt to escape from the police.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and is represented by Mr. Peter Sil.

Inspector R. MacKenzie, prosecuting, said that while Pui Pok Chi was playing mahjong at 55 Shing Wo Road, Leung and a man named Edward Puester stood behind him watching the game.

Leung stole \$910 from his pocket, then left, with Puester. On the way to a hotel in Central District, Leung gave his friend \$300, saying he had borrowed it from Pui, who is a friend of his. The next day, in Sunkow Street, Puester met Leung and accused was given the \$300 to take to Leung.

\$100 Expenses

Instead of giving the money to Leung he asked for the remaining \$600, and was given it. Later defendant is alleged to have asked Leung and Puester to go into hiding until he could get legal advice as to what they should do about the theft. He gave them each \$100 for their expenses.

In the evening defendant returned to the hotel and said he thought it would be better if Leung went to Canton for a while. Puester did not agree to the plan but Leung was given \$200 with which to pay his fare to Canton.

Puester made a report to the Police which led to the arrest of defendant and Leung.

Leung pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny and has already been sentenced.

Puester gave corroborating evidence and the case then adjourned for one week.

For it will recognise the actions of the occupant and to that connection I think it is legitimate when as many inhabitants of the occupied territory have been involved, for Government to lean a little on their side.

The ordinary man is expected to know the law, but can he be entirely blamed for saying, "how can I be expected to know, in a momentary law, what many important writers—disagree about it?"

I would therefore disagree with the Hon Sir Mon-Kam Lo when he urges that we should leave the parties to litigation which is bound to be expensive and protracted and which will plunge all, once more, into uncertainty. I submit that legislation is the only sensible course.

The Acting Financial Secretary (Mr. A. G. Clarke) explained that any compromise measure is unrealistic, being something between two opposite points. The measure was, however, decidedly in favour of the debtors.

Mr. Clarke said Government could not entertain the plea that the Bill should not be proceeded with, and leave the issue to be fought out in Court. That would result in any law incurred being borne entirely by one side, and Government would not feel justified in acceding to any such proposal.

The Bill was then considered in Committee, where a number of amendments proposed by the Acting Attorney General were approved.

Owing to the clear majority the opposing members did not ask for a division. As a result the Bill passed into law.

DEBTOR - CREDITOR ORDINANCE

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"The Liquidator Banks claim that, according to the English Law as applicable to the Colony, payments made to the Liquidator in Hong Kong currency or Military Yen in respect of pre-war debts were utterly null and void and that if this Bill were not passed into law, they could legally enforce through the local Courts repayment in full."

On this basis, this Bill substantially restricts the Liquidator Banks' legal rights.

"On the other hand the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and other Chinese commercial bodies object to the Bill on grounds which are precisely the reverse of the Banks' contentions, namely, that legally, and if this Bill were passed, and if the Mortuorium were lifted, all payments made by debtors to creditors during the Japanese occupation and whether in Hong Kong currency or in Military Yen in respect of pre-war debts would be legally valid payments."

"Undoubtedly the Bill does offer substantial relief in regard to interest during the occupation period, and I think it could be argued with force that the contractual rights of the parties in regard to interest should not be modified except as a part of an overall settlement of debtor and creditor relations during the occupation period."

"Apart from the question of interest, the other substantial concession given by the Bill relates to repayment of debts in Hong Kong currency. In so far as the liquidation Banks are concerned, without knowing the total of such repayments in relation to the total of the repayment in Yen, it is not possible for anyone to judge the magnitude of this concession or its implication to the Liquidation Banks."

"On the other hand, there is no question but that the value of Yen set in the Schedule in terms of Hong Kong Dollars is utterly unrealistic, and bears no relation whatever to the rate of exchange in the black market as between Yen and Hong Kong Dollars."

In his maiden speech to Council, the Hon. N.O.C. Marsh said that the Bill under discussion, on the principle that there may have been some individual cases of hardship provided a compromise.

"The main controversy arises from the fact that many of the debtors purport to pay either a part, or the whole of their debts in Military Yen at an exchange rate arbitrarily fixed by the Japanese at HK\$4 to Yen 1. If a creditor asked for repayment of a debt and voluntarily accepted Yen on the debt is regarded as paid. The creditor could use his Yen and get value for them. But where debts were not due or demanded by the banks then the liquidators in Military Yen the case is very different. It raises not only questions of law but of morality; indeed certain unscrupulous debtors took the opportunity to discharge their debts at the entirely fictitious rate fixed by the Japanese."

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Right Of Recourse

"Judging the issue therefore from the point of view of commercial morality I cannot see justice in the claim of a debtor to have discharged a debt incurred in dollars when all he can urge is that the Japanese liquidators were willing to accept Yen but did not insist on his paying in Yen."

"In one respect this Bill gives what debtors and I believe creditors also regard as their right. It gives them the right of recourse to the Courts of the Colony in the matter of interest on mortgages, bills and other forms of contract."

"It may be said that modern warfare is a matter of finance and economics and an enemy can take financial and economic measures against the assets of enemies within occupied territories as within its own territory. There is no authority for the proposition, said Mr. Strickland, that the Treaty of Versailles and the Allies denied recognition to measures taken by the Germans against property of allied nationals in German occupied territories, on the ground that such principle would conflict with the Hague Convention, and that the obvious common sense that you cannot intern and despoil all the inhabitants of a territory in your military and temporary occupation."

"Then again, I am led to believe that the total amount involved is relatively small and that only very few persons are concerned. This does not in any way lessen the importance of ensuring that the interests of those few receive fair and equitable treatment."

"There can be few, if any, whose payments in discharge of these debts amounted in real value to more than a fraction of the value which they borrowed and of which they received the benefit. Without regard to the interests of the creditors this Bill seeks, by fair compromise, to establish and to give credit to the debtors for the value of their payments and only lays upon them an obligation to pay to their creditors the difference between the value they received and the value they have paid."

Solution To Problem

"The creditors have not received the latter end, if the Bill succeeds in its object, they alone bear such real loss as has in fact occurred. On all the facts which have been placed before me I have been unable to find any evidence that, broadly speaking, the Bill falls in its purpose in this respect. There may be exceptional cases, but generally it is in my view a just and equitable solution of one of the problems arising out of the occupation."

"Let us all recognise the fact that all, without exception, have suffered loss. Let us, in the shortest space of time in which it can be done fairly, clear away the problems and confusion with which the occupation has left us. Then let us forget them and, as a united community, set our faces to the needs of the present and the future."

"This Bill before us is one of the means to that end. I have endeavoured to show something of the reasons why I believe that it provides a fair and equitable solution of one particular problem and because that is my belief I shall cast my vote in favour of this motion."

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TWENTY-ONE CASES IN JUNE CRIMINAL SESSIONS

The June Criminal Sessions will open at the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. tomorrow, when pleas in 21 cases will be taken by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice).

Among the accused who will be called upon to plead will be Peter Oliver, Guild, Carlos Jacinto Pintos and Carlos Francisco D'Azevedo. Guild is facing six charges of demanding money with menace, while Pintos and D'Azevedo are charged with forgery and obtaining money on a forged document.

The following is a full list of the cases:

Chung Shun-choi (alias La Tin alias Chung Sang alias Chung Shun; Lam Wing alias Lam Man; Lo Man alias Tai Lo and Chan Ming alias Chan Ming (Breach of a Deportation Order); Lau Lam; Mok Chi Cheung; Hong-lung alias Cheung Pak-king and Wan Seng-tong; Li Po Sun; Tach-chun alias Su Sam (Robbery by two or more and possession of arms and ammunition); Wong Chai alias Wong Sam; Yui and Chan (Chung Yung alias Chan Chiu-lung alias Chan Yung (Carriage taking and robbery by two or more)).

Li Kai and Fong Kung (Conspiracy to commit robbery and possession of arms and ammunition).

Carlos Jacinto Pintos, Cheung Yui-shut alias Joseph Osman and Louis Francisco D'Azevedo (Forgery, obtaining money on a forged document).

Guild Case

Peter Oliver, Guild, Tam So and Chan Pui-lun (Demanding money with menace).

Chan Tak-koon (Murder).

Chan Tak-koon (Forelible taking with intent to procure ransom, uttering a letter demanding money with menace and demanding money with menace).

Ngo Tait-sun alias Chan Fui (Robbery by two or more).

Wong Tind-lung (Forgery and uttering a forged document).

Lung Wing alias Luk Suk (Possession of a dangerous drug, management of a place in which dangerous drugs are stored, assisting in the management of a place in which dangerous drugs are stored and permitting a place to be used for unlawful storage of heroin).

Chan Kwong (Possession of a dangerous drug, management of a place in which dangerous drugs are stored and assisting in the management of a place in which dangerous drugs are stored).

Hong Shu-yun (Attempted murder and wounding with intent to rob).

Leung Wing and Leung Ngau (Assault with intent to rob and attempt to rob).

Lau Hoi alias Lau Yui-hoi and Lau Chiu-chi (Armed robbery).

VERDICT ON JAPS TODAY

Both prosecuting and defence counsels concluded their closing addresses yesterday at the resumption of the seven-month-long trial of Admiral Tahara Suzumu and 16 of his associates before the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court at Kowloon City.

The four-man tribunal, which had recessed for the last fortnight, adjourned until today at 9.30 a.m., when the Judge Advocate will deliver his summing up address.

The verdict will follow immediately.

The accused, whose nicknames included "Pug in Boots," "Gordon Coventry," "Friendly Fred," and "Hateful Harry," are charged with the ill-treatment of some 500 POWs and causing the death of 150 prisoners on Hainan Island between 1942 and 1945. The POWs were Australian and Dutch soldiers.

Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div., SCAP (GHQ) Tokyo, prosecuted while Mr. Luo Kuan-hua, Kisaburo, both barristers and doctors of law, Japan, represented the 17 accused.

The Court comprises Lt. Col. H. G. Gault, DSO, ED (President), Lt. Col. J. T. Brock (Judge Advocate) with Major N. McGilchrist and Lt. A. R. Carter as members.

Personalia

Passengers arriving yesterday from Indo-China by Air France included M. Raylon, M. Sisson, M. Hoenitt, M. Vieland, Mr. and Mrs. De Wavrin, M. Rodon, Melle. Mesnard, M. De Gaspeis, M. La Salla, and M. Londa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Meunier, M. Therrien, F. Sank, P. Rovory and Nguyen Phu Doc left for Indo-China yesterday by Air France.

Among the departures for Manila by CPA plane on Monday were Miss Pearl White, Miss R. Bassham, Mr. E. G. MacHale, Mr. Maximo Go, Mr. Peter Lin, Mr. Edward Lin, Capt. Ainslie and Miss A. Ruetigern.

Arrivals by CPA plane from Manila on Tuesday included: Mr. James D. Ellis, Miss Felice King, Mr. Kit King Oh, Miss P. B. Dy and Mr. Lim Lion-chuy.

The following weddings have been announced:

Lieut. Eric Cecil Sackel, R.A.P.C. 24 Humphrey's Building, Kowloon, to Miss Tegwen Catherine Mary Ace, en-route to Hong Kong from England.

Mr. Ellis Salim Reuben, Merchant, Managing Director of Messrs. Reuben Import & Export Co., Ltd., 8 New Road, Kadoorie Avenue, to Miss Henriette Dwek 12 St. John's Place, MacDonnell Road.

Mr. Khedouri Bekhor, Merchant, Arlington Hotel, to Miss Helen Reuben, Melbourne Hotel.

The wedding of Mr. Darrell Drake, Merchant, 93 Kimberley Road, Kowloon, and Miss Fong Pong-tai, took place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registry yesterday in the presence of Messrs. G.H. Sullivan and Ho Tak-chun.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Messrs. H.T. Samson, E.S. Roberts, Peter Krell, B. Gissel, I.G. Gordon, Miss E. McCubbins, Miss N. Moore, Miss M. Hughes, Miss E. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. F.D. Gray, Dr. A.W. Woo, Miss M. Trumble, Dr. C.M. Li, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Lines, and Mr. Walter Smith.

Among those who left the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Messrs. R.R. Nathan, H. Ashford, S.J. Cole, J.H. Saunders, L.A. Matthews, B.H. Wilson, M. Sweeney, V.I. Singlet, K.C. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Lee, Lt. Cmdr. Chen Chiu-tung, Cmdr. E.A. Burrows, Mrs. C. Ross, and Mrs. R. Moellon.

At Commissioner Victor Rolfe of the Salvation Army arrived in Hong Kong from London by air yesterday on a tour of the Far East.

He is making the tour as representative of the General of the Salvation Army to inspect the work and confer with Salvation Army leaders with a view to future progress and expansion of activities.

Manager Fined On Health Charges

Found guilty on all four summonses taken out by the Health Department, E. J. Brown, Works Manager of the China Construction Co., was yesterday fined a total of \$200 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court.

The summonses were: maintaining five matchsheds at Cha Kwo Ling in a dirty and insanitary condition; maintaining a foul, noxious, noisome or unhealthy drain; maintaining a foul latrine; and maintaining three uncovered human excreta buckets; all on May 4.

Senior Health Officer C. Strange prosecuted, while defendant appeared in person.

When SHO Strange visited the site with Health Officer Yau Kook, Drs. Shaw and Cheung, and Mr. Hooper on April 15 they found the sheds used by the workers in a filthy condition. The two tier-banks were covered with dirt and showed obvious signs of not having been cleaned for a long time.

The floor surfaces were of common earth and were stained with dirt and various refuse littered the place.

Two employees of the firm, Warren and Rimmer, were advised of the condition and warned to clean the place generally. The same condition, however, prevailed when the Health Inspectors made a second visit on May 10. On this occasion, defendant and a director, Mr. Malcolm, were told that the conditions were still unsatisfactory.

The site was visited a third time on June 15 when it was found that the latrine had been removed. The surface channel was still in a filthy condition.

Giving evidence on his own behalf, Mr. Brown said that there were 600 men on the job, 300 of whom were living in the area. When excavation work was started in Feb. this year, plans of the colliery matchsheds were submitted to, and passed by the Building Authorities.

He had been doing everything which he was told to do by the Health Department, including the employment of a "sanitary gang," a dresser, and a doctor, and the purchase of Nissen huts from the R.A.P.C.

Witness admitted, in cross-examination, that there were 12 cases of dysentery on the site and that he had to call in the assistance of the Health Department on June 4.

Dr. Cawne gave as his opinion that when he examined the site on June 4, conditions there were for a temporary camp, not unhealthy. The kitchens were dirty, he said, but not insanitary, and no evidence of fly breeding was found by him although flies were seen in the kitchens.

Correspondence

Hague Convention

Sir.—The Annex to the Hague Convention, 1907, generally referred to as Regulations Respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land, stipulates that, among other things, the laws, rights and duties of war apply to a belligerent force that conducts "their operations in accordance with the laws and customs of war" (Art. 1). The declaration of war, decent treatment of prisoners of war, respect for civilian life and private property are among such usages and laws.

That the Japanese as a belligerent power failed in observance of such elementary principles of the Law of Nations has been proved by numerous acts of atrocities and violation of the law of war. Records of trials of Japanese war criminals and evidence that the Japanese authorities and their co-workers did not live up to the simple standard of civilized rules governing intelligent occupation.

In Municipal as well as Public International Law the rule of interpretation is that when one party to a contract violates the agreement, the other party is ipso facto released from the obligations.

In short, under International Law the Japanese and their co-workers are not entitled to the protection of International Law.

Under the Japanese system of "indicate and monopoly" only those who collaborated with the Japanese and pay their debts and mortgages.

When the proposed Debtor-Bill gives some value to payments (such as bank liquidators, the Government has already been too magnanimous at the expense of those who fought and suffered for the allied cause.

It is therefore strange that the Council for Chinese Chamber of Commerce should invoke the Hague Conventions and International Law which were violated by the Japanese, who sought rights which the Chinese Chamber of Commerce attempt to defend.

Council for Chinese Chamber of Commerce also invokes the Hague convention providing for the respecting of private property.

The Japanese never respected our private properties here excepting those of the collaborators.

And the Japanese document never tells the truth. When Japanese officials were returning Hongkong dollars at 10 yen to one Hongkong dollar, they sent circulars to Bank debtors fixing 4 Hongkong dollars against one yen.

And now those who were so fortunate as to be able to pay off their debts and mortgages want us to recognise their value in full.

KEMPEITAI GUEST

Dual Nationality

Sir.—I read with considerable interest the report of the valdictory talk given by Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead at the Hong Kong Rotary Club on Tuesday.

While I do not agree in toto with the comments made by Mr. Woodhead, I do fully endorse his remarks relative to the subject of dual nationality, and feel that

Government would do well to give this important question careful consideration.

I have previously stressed the incongruous situation brought about by the possession of a dual nationality, and believe that Government would be taking a step in the right direction if it would, by way of a start, call upon all Eurasians and other third nationals. In Hong Kong, who claim the benefit of a dual nationality, to declare their status forthwith, so that it might be known just where they stand.

If my memory serves me right, I think that certain third nationals were, during the Occupation, called upon by the Japanese to declare their status and readily complied. Confirmation on this point could be obtained by reference to the files of the "Hong Kong News" which are, I understand, still available.

SIMPLE SIMON.

Birthday Parade

Sir.—Presumably there is some point in the protest of the President of the H.K. Automobile Association against the King's Birthday Parade arrangements, but I fail to grasp it.

The business man who is on his way to his office at 9.45 a.m. must be so comfortable in his mind about the way business is proceeding in his absence that surely he could easily decide to start half an hour later. Or perhaps he could venture on the risk of shaking his staff to the core by turning up half an hour earlier.

Surely far fewer motorists will be discommoded by a parade of this nature than by say the elaborate ritual that goes with the formal arrival of a V.I.P. Yet I do not remember that the H.K.A.A. has objected to this kind of fun and games, though generally the ceremony goes on to the public's complete unconcern (leaving out a couple of hundreds of idlers and the official party).

XYZ.

Illegal Use Of Wireless

A fine of \$250 was imposed on Poon King-bud of the National Times, 64-66 Gloucester Rd., when he appeared at Central yesterday in answer to a summons for allowing his wireless station to be used for a purpose other than allowed by the broadcasting station.

Mr. J. C. Stewart, defending, said that his client made a mistake in thinking that while he was waiting for a licence to be granted he could use the wireless station. He had applied to the Postmaster General for a licence and was told that he must get certain documents from the Chinese Government.

Defendant now understood the position and was willing to surrender his set until the licence was granted, said Mr. Stewart.

UNLICENSED MANUFACTURE

When No. 11, Second Street (ground floor) was raided by a party of Revenue Officers, a total of 20 gallons of oil were discovered resulting in Tam Leung, 40, appearing at Central yesterday.

Tam was charged with manufacturing toilet preparation without a licence from the Import and Export department, and was fined \$100 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo and his oil ordered to be confiscated.

R.I. J. Redman prosecuted.

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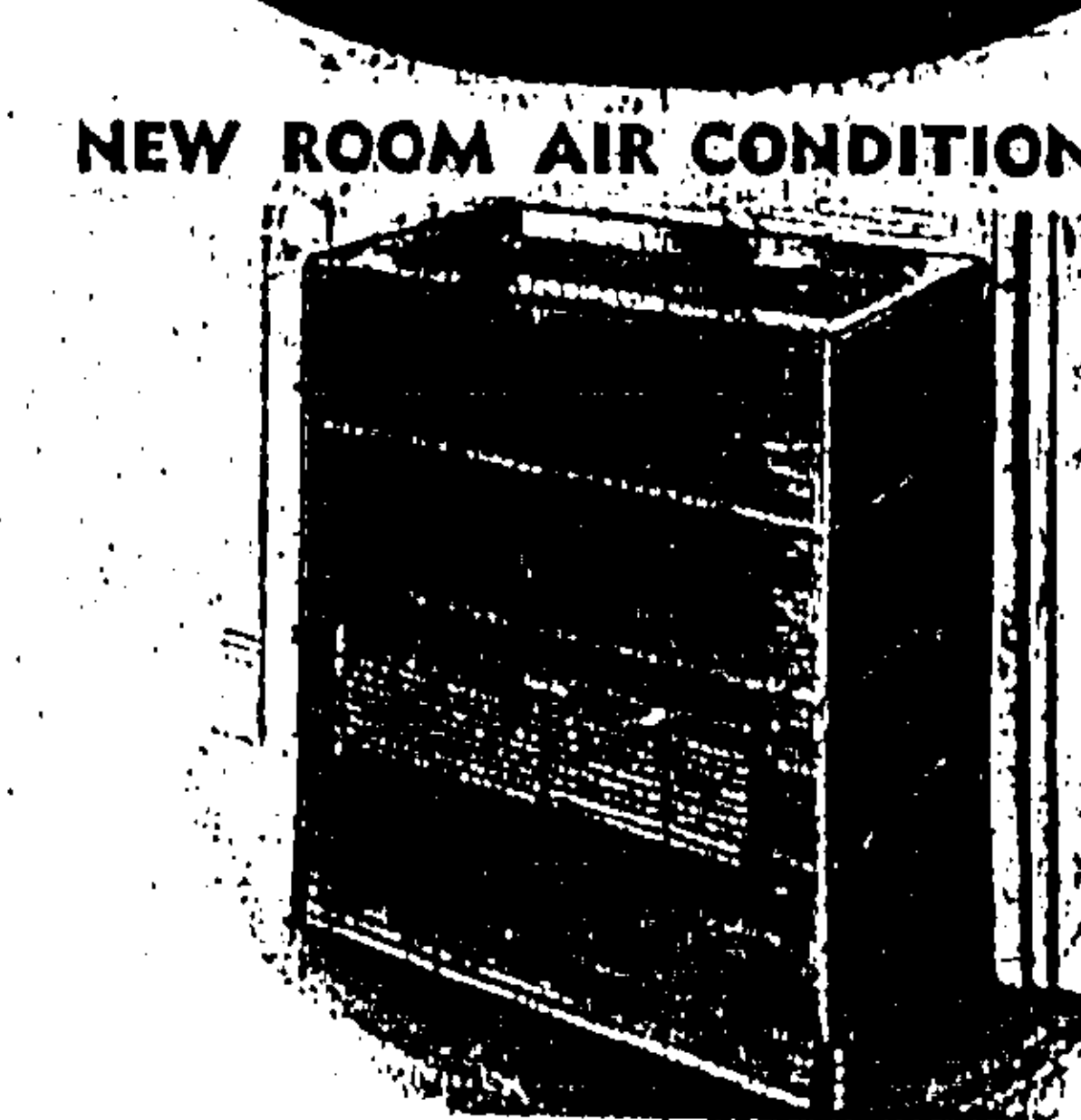
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GOLD IN SHOES, BAGS: "DID NOT KNOW RULES"

The most expensive shoes in Hong Kong were worn by Lim Kee-see (22) and Chung Chor (25), both of Amoy, when they were on their way to board a plane for Shanghai about 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

Reminders

Today

Challenge Bowls Match, H.K.F.C., 5.15 p.m.

Rubber Trust Ltd. annual meeting, 601-603, Marina House, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club Luncheon, Roof Garden H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

King's Birthday Parade, Governor takes Salute at Cenotaph, 9.45 a.m.

Mahjong Classes, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Charity Bridge-Mahjong, Drive, European YMCA, 2.30 p.m.

R.A.P. Association Meeting, Luncheon at Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Classical Music Recital, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Concert of Popular Music by Sino-British Club Orchestra, European YMCA, West Lounge, 9 p.m.

Lecture on "Parallels in Chinese and British Social History" by Capt. A.J.E. Luff, at P.R.O. Building, Statue Square, 5.45 p.m.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

The fortnightly luncheon of the Royal Air Forces Association will be held today at the Jacobson Room, Hong Kong Hotel, at 12.45 p.m. It was not scheduled for yesterday as inadvertently inserted in the "Reminders".

The local Siamese community will commemorate their National Day next Thursday at the Hong Kong Hotel.

A cocktail party will be held at the Jacobson Room from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the Siamese Consul-General and Mrs. Sompong Bunnag as hosts.

A concert of popular music will be given by the Hong Kong Light Orchestra at the European Y.M.C.A. at 9 p.m. tomorrow. It will be held in the West Lounge.

Fined \$100

Four suitcases belonging to defendants were taken off the plane and searched. Concealed in the suitcases were a total of 60 five-tael bars of gold.

The defendants' shoes were searched, and inside the soles of each pair was found four 5-tael bars and 12 half bars, making a total of eight full bars and 24 bars of 2 1/2 taels each.

When Lim and Chung appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, charged with illegal export of the gold, they pleaded that they came from Singapore and did not know the Hong Kong regulations.

Accused were fined \$100. The 62 bars of gold (weighing approximately 400 taels and valued at \$120,000), the four suitcases and the two pairs of shoes, were ordered to be confiscated.

DEMAND NOTE CHARGE

A 16-year-old student of the Lai Chak Middle School was co-defendant with Lau Lam (30), casual coolie, in a charge at Kowloon yesterday, of uttering a demand letter for \$30 from Leung Chung (26), foreman of the shipping office of Tai Kee Transportation Co., on June 12.

It was alleged that the demand note was presented to complainant at his residence at 88 Reclamation Street, first floor.

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, both accused were remanded for three days. Mr. Alfred Y. Hon is appearing for the youth.

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PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Bow Yip,
otherwise known as Yip Bow
late of Baltimore City State
of Maryland, United States
of America, Laundryman,
deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue
of Section 58 of the Probates
Ordinance 1897, made an
Order limiting the time for
creditors and others to send in
their claims against the above
estate to the 12th day of July
1948.

All Creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 16th day of June
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WILKINSON & GRIST,

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No. 2, Queen's Road, Central,
Hong Kong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Isabelle
Johnson or Johnston late of
No. 209 Prince Edward Road
Kowloon in the Colony of
Hongkong, Widow, deceased.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Victor
Eysymontt otherwise known as
Eysymontt Viktor or Victor
A. Eysymontt late of Shang-
hai in the Republic of China,
deceased.

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the Will of the abovenamed
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Hong Kong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Maurice
Alfred Johnson or Johnston
late of No. 209 Prince
Edward Road, Kowloon in
the Colony of Hongkong,
Business Manager, deceased.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Robert
Melville Smith late of
Cranmore Cottage Cotton
Church Lane Barnt Green
in the County of Worcester
formerly of Muske
New Road Water Orton in
the County of Warwick,
deceased.

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The Company will be working
on its submarine cables be-
tween Queen's Pier and Kow-
loon Star Ferry Pier from
16th June 1948. Masters are
requested to keep well clear
of the craft concerned which
will be flying the appropriate
signals.

NOTICE

HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

The midsummer issue of the Telephone Directory is
now ready for distribution. Subscribers are therefore re-
quested to call at the Company's Offices, Exchange
Building, Des Voeux Road Central, on the days set out
below to collect their Directories. The Directories will
only be issued on production of the Company's official
receipt for the current quarter's rentals and on produc-
tion of the old Directory.

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days allotted to them and if a subscriber is unable to
collect his Directory on that day he should not apply
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day, 5th July.

S. GROVE,
Secretary.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANT LAND SURVEYOR

Applications are invited from
locally domiciled candidates to
fill vacancies for Assistant
Land Surveyors Grade III in
the Crown Lands and Surveys
Office of the Public Works
Department.

Preference will be given to
British subjects by birth and
all selected candidates will be
required to obtain a certificate
of medical fitness before being
appointed.

Candidates will be required
to pass a written and oral ex-
amination before selection, and
must possess the following
qualifications:—

1. Hong Kong School Leaving
Certificate or equivalent.
2. Age under 25 years; but
other candidates with
exceptional qualifications
will be considered if not
over 30 years old.
3. Advanced knowledge of
written and spoken English
and Cantonese.

Applications in English on
forms which may be obtained
on application to the Secretary,
Public Works Department,
should reach the Director of
Public Works not later than
30th June, 1948.

Successful candidates will be
appointed on 2 years proba-
tion to the scale of \$150 per
month rising to \$200 after five
years initial training.

A Temporary High Cost of
Living allowance is payable on
all salaries of between 60%
(for bachelors) and 100% (for
married men with children) of
a scale ranging from \$100 to
\$170 per month.

Subsequent promotion to
higher grades on salaries rising
to \$840 per month will be by
examination and selection.

Director of Public Works.

V. KENNIFF,

H.K. 15th June, 1948.

NOTICE

PRICE CONTROL (HOTEL SERVICES)

Attention of all proprietors
of hotels, hostels, lodging and
apartment houses in the
Colony is drawn to Govern-
ment Notification No. A166,
published in Supplement No. 2
to the Gazette of 11th June,
1948, whereby they are re-
quired to submit floor plans of
their accommodation showing
room numbers, and rates
charged per room and/or per
person to the Competent
Authority, Price Control
(Hotel Services) Regulations,
1948, Room 237, 2nd Floor,
Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank
Building.

This information must be
sent in English, and clearly
legible sketch plans of floors
with the relevant data will
suffice to meet the requirements
of this Department.

The final date for submission
of these particulars is Tuesday,
22nd June, 1948. Failure to
render such particulars on or
before said date will render
proprietors liable to prosecu-
tion without further notice.

P.F.J. EARDLEY,
Competent Authority,
Price Control (Hotel Services)
Regulations 1948.

Hong Kong, 16th June, 1948.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that
the One Hundred and Twenty
fourth Ordinary Meeting of
Shareholders in the Company
will be held at the Office of
the Company, Queen's Build-
ing, Victoria, Hong Kong, on
Wednesday, 23rd June, 1948,
at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose
of receiving a Report of the
Directors, together with a
Statement of Accounts, and
Re-electing Directors and
Auditors.

The Register of Shares of
the Company will be closed
from Thursday, 10th June,
1948, to Wednesday, 23rd June,
1948, both days inclusive,
during which period no trans-
fer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th June, 1948.

POLICE NOTICE MARCH PAST

1. H.E. the Governor will
take the salute at a march-
past of Combined Services
and Police in Connaught
Road Central at the Cenotaph
at 10.15 a.m. on Thurs-
day, 17th June, 1948.
2. Route of March.
Leaving Junction Gap Road
and Stubbs Road at 9.45
a.m., via Queen's Road East,
Queen's Road Central, Ped-
der Street, Connaught Road
Central, Murray Road to
Murray Barracks.
3. Closed Roads.
(a) Queen's Road East from
Kennedy Road to Junction
Hennessy Road to east/west
traffic from 9.50 a.m. to
10.05 a.m.
(b) Queen's Road East
from Junction Hennessy
Road to Garden Road to
west bound traffic from 9.55
a.m. to 10.10 a.m.
(c) Queen's Road Central
from Junction Garden Road
to Pedder Street to west
bound traffic from 10.05
a.m. to 10.20 a.m.
(d) Pedder Street from
Queen's Road Central to
Connaught Road Central to
all traffic from 10.05 a.m.
to 10.30 a.m.
(e) Queen's Road Central
from Pedder Street to
Jubilee Street to east bound
traffic from 10.05 a.m. to
10.30 a.m.
(f) Connaught Road Central
from Pedder Street to Mur-
ray Road, south side, to west
bound traffic from 9.45 a.m.
to 10.30 a.m.
(g) Connaught Road Central
from Pedder Street to Mur-
ray Road, north side,
from 10.05 a.m. to 10.30
a.m.
(h) Club Street, Wardley
Street and Ice House Street
between Chater Road and
Connaught Road Central,
except for parking, between
9.45 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.
(i) Chater Road between
Wardley Street and Jack-
son Road to east/west traf-
fic, from 10.05 a.m. to 10.30
a.m.
(j) Jackson Road from Des
Voeux Road Central to
Chater Road from 10.15
a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
(k) Garden Road from
Upper Albert Road to
Queen's Road Central to
north/south traffic from
10.05 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. and
from 10.25 a.m. to 10.35
a.m.
4. Alternative through routes
during closed road periods.
Traffic from:—(a) Repulse
Bay, via Stubbs Road to
Magazine Gap Road.
(b) Causeway Bay, (ex-
cluding lorries) via Ken-
nedy Road, Upper Albert
Road and Arbuthnot Road.
(c) Wan Chai area of Arsenal
Street, via Tin Lok Lane,
Morrison Hill Road, Gap
Road to Kennedy Road.
(d) Peak, via Garden Road,
Upper Albert Road to Ar-
buthnot Road.
(e) Central, via Wellington
Street, Lyndhurst Terrace,
Arbuthnot Road to Upper
Albert Road.
(f) Western, As for Central
or via Pokfulam Road, Bon-
ham Road, Caine Road.
5. Car Parks.
(a) Connaught Road Central
between Pedder Street and
Murray Road. No parking
before 10.30 a.m.
(b) Jackson Road between
Chater Road and Connaught
Road Central. No parking
before 10.30 a.m.
(c) Alternative parking
for (a) and (b) above is
being provided for by the
use of Murray Parade
ground up to 1 p.m.
(d) Des Voeux Road Cen-
tral between Jackson Road
and Ice House Street. Park-
ing for private cars will be
permitted on both sides up
to 1 p.m.
(e) Other car parks in Cen-
tral District as usual.
6. Flag Cars.
To park by 10.05 a.m. in
Chater Road north side be-
tween Wardley Street and
Jackson Road. Departure
10.25 a.m. via Jackson Road
to Queen's Road Central.
7. Spectators. Connaught Rd.
Central, south side from
Pedder Street to Wardley
Street, and from Club Street
to Murray Road.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have re-
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M. Naval Dockyard to sell by
Public Auction on

Thursday, the 17th June,
1948
commencing at 9.30 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Pedder
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Oil Heaters and Accessories,
Thermometers, Hydrometers,
Extinguishers, Lubricating and
Other Oils, Fire Motor Pumps,
Petrol Driven Pumping Sets,
Motor Steel and Wood Furni-
ture (including Beds, Lockers,
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Friday, the 18th June 1948
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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Table Fans, Bables Iron Cots,
Dining Tables, Sideboards,
Glass Cabinets, Chairs, Ward-
robes, Dressing Tables, Low
Boys, Single and Double Bed-
steads, Chesterfield Suites, Bed
Side Tables, Book Cases, Typist
Tables, Desks, Cutlery, Glass
and Crockery Ware, Bath Room
Mirrors, 1 Steel frame Chester-
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On View from Thursday, the
17th June, 1948.

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COMMUNIST LEADER TO GET HIGH BURMA POST NEW LIGHT SHED ON NU SPEECH

Rangoon, June 15.
Burmese Premier Thakin Nu's intended resignation on July 20 may be followed by sweeping changes in the Cabinet which are likely to place Thoin Pe, the former "White Flag" (Legal) Communist leader, in an important position, it was reliably learned today. Political observers said the 15-point Leftist unity programme, outlined by the Premier on Sunday did not necessarily mean Burma had plunged wholeheartedly into the Russian bloc.

They regarded the new situation as a form of appeasement of the Communists whose insurrection in up-country districts is already affecting vital rice exports.

Thakin Nu referred on Sunday in other recent speeches to Burma's cordial relations with Britain and several leading statesmen are known to feel that the country's best policy is to keep clear of entanglements with either the Western Powers or the Soviet bloc.

It was pointed out that his latest programme follows almost word for word an article published three months ago in the Burmese Press by Thoin Pe, who resigned the leadership of the White Flag Communist Party (The "Red Flag") Communists have been outlawed just before the disturbance in North and Central Burma broke out. British businessmen are more immediately concerned at the Premier's alleged intention to impose State control on exports and imports than by the suggested new link between Burma and Russia.

United Party

Thakin Nu seeks unity with everyone else "provided they have good intentions," it was disclosed today.

Thakin Nu also wants all Burmese left-wing parties to join in a united party. On Sunday, he said that although Burma was surrounded by nations within the Anglo-American sphere of influence, its leaders wished to follow the Russian ideology.

An official translation of his statement released today showed he had made these additional points. The Anglo-Burmese treaty of October, 1947, in the interest of Burma and its defence provisions do not fetter the freedom of the Government. He added that Burma must have a plan for national unity to which all races native to the country could subscribe and which must have a programme "that no person of leftist views can fail to accept."

The Premier also said the plan was the combined efforts of Socialists, Communists and other parties. "To build a left-

WEDGE-DRIVING EFFORT

Vienna, June 15.
A high British official today described "completely untrue" a radio Moscow report which charged the British occupation authorities in Austria with the recruiting of expert killers of the former SS to fight with the Arab side in Palestine.

Referring to a similar report carried by the Russian Army newspaper "Oesterreichische Zeitung," the British spokesman said: "The Russian charges are apparently another effort to drive a wedge between the British and Americans."—Associated Press.

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London Talks
The programme of his proposed United Party has been accepted by the Executive Committee of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League but was rejected by the People's Volunteer Organisation, which, with the Socialists, form the backbone of the Government majority.

Meanwhile, Sir Maung Gye, Burma's first Ambassador to Britain, saw Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, at the Foreign Office this afternoon. It was believed that they discussed British-Burmese relations in the light of Burmese Premier Thakin Nu's announcement that his Government intended to adopt a pro-Communist policy. Official quarters were silent tonight on the subject of the meeting.

British official quarters are expected to study full reports of the Burmese Premier's statement before themselves making any statement. The two countries still have close ties despite Burma's departure from the British Commonwealth.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authorities"

A GREAT REVEALER
"DUPLICATE" is the great revealer of bridge. That form of the game humbles a player who has blundered through to what he considers a good result, if the scores at other tables show he did much worse than somebody else. The real student, when he finds his work was surpassed by a master, always wants to know just how the other fellow went about it. Did he get a gift from the opponents through a mistake they made? Was he just plain lucky? Or did he merely do a better job, and, if so, in what way? Usually after the game the other fellow is flattered by your question and will answer gladly.

S. K. Q 10 5
H. K. J 4 2
D. K 8 5
C. A 6

S. 9 7 3
H. 6 5
D. 6 3 2
C. 10 8 7 5
3

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable).
West North East South
Pass 1 S Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 H Pass 3 S

When the heart 3 was led, South counted up eight tricks ready to be taken two in clubs, two in diamonds and four in hearts. He also saw a sure way to build the ninth needed for game, by using one of his spade honours to establish the other. So he proceeded blithely to score the four hearts, discarding a diamond, then led the spade K. The A took it and the diamond Q was returned to the K. Now he scored the spade Q, which es-

More Taking Jobs

London, June 15.
More people took jobs during April (58,000 men and women) than during the whole of the first three months of the year.

The increase is attributed partly to the speed up of releases from the forces, and also due to 12,000 more women being at work. This brings the total number of women employed to 5,621,000.—Reuter.

DOCKERS STRIKE SPREADS

London, June 15.
A spreading unofficial dock strike over payment to longshoremen for getting their clothes dirty tied up 33 ships today in the Port of London.

Three thousand six hundred dockers were idle and cargo handling was virtually at a standstill along the Thames below London Bridge.

There was no immediate prospect of settlement although a special Arbitration Board of two representatives from each side was meeting to discuss the original issue.

The well-out started on Monday in protest against the penalties fixed by the National Dock Labour Board against 11 men who refused to handle without extra pay a cargo of zinc oxide for Antwerp.—Associated Press.

Worst Cyclone In 50 Years

Sydney, June 15.

Hundreds are homeless, towns flooded and crops ruined in the wake of the worst cyclone to hit Northern New South Wales for 50 years.

No less of life has been reported so far, but an official warning said the cyclone was still intensifying.

Army supplies have been sent to distressed districts. Rivers burst their banks, inundating shops and houses in Lismore and Murwillumbah. Transport has been disorganised by rail washaways.

In Lismore, 50 police are standing by with boms in case the floods continue to rise. Some towns reported 11½ inches of rain in 24 hours and the Richmond River rose 35 feet in 30 hours and is still rising.—Reuter.

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8.30 a.m.—Blue and Red Crozier.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Melodies from British Films. (H.B.C.T.S.)

1.02 p.m.—Light Piano Parade.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Children's Hour: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Housman.
6.15 p.m.—"Spanish Ladies"—Heard by Captain Pilot. (Studio).
6.30 p.m.—Accent on Rhythm. (B.B.C.T.S.)

6.45 p.m.—Tex Winters and His Tumbling Tumblerettes. (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—"ITMA" with Tommy Handley. (B.B.C.T.S.)
7.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francaise. (Studio).
8.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay).
8.15 p.m.—British Concert Hall. 11th Symphony Orchestra. (B.B.C.T.S.)
9.15 p.m.—Jazz Octet.
9.30 p.m.—Selections from Opera. (London Relay).
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—Science and Everyday Life: Science in the Film Industry. (B.B.C.T.S.)
10.30 p.m.—Dance to Eric Winston and His Band with Julie Dawn and Denis Hale. (B.B.C.T.S.)
11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay).
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

A special morning programme of light recorded music—dances, comedies and marches—will be presented over ZBW and ZBK at 7.30 a.m. today in connection with the King's Birthday Parade.

The session will end at 9 a.m. and during the programme, announcements will be made regarding the Parade which will pass the Cenotaph at 10.15 a.m. with the Governor taking the Salute.

This will be the first attempt by the Broadcasting authorities to conduct a morning session over the Colony's two stations. Whether it is a forerunner of introducing a permanent daily morning session, as has been the popular request, remains to be seen.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM
S. 7 4
H. A J 10 8 4
D. K 5
C. 6 7 5 4

S. 6 3
H. Q 8 5 3
D. 2
C. A 9 3

S. A J 10 8
H. 0
D. A Q J 7 4
C. K J 10

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable).
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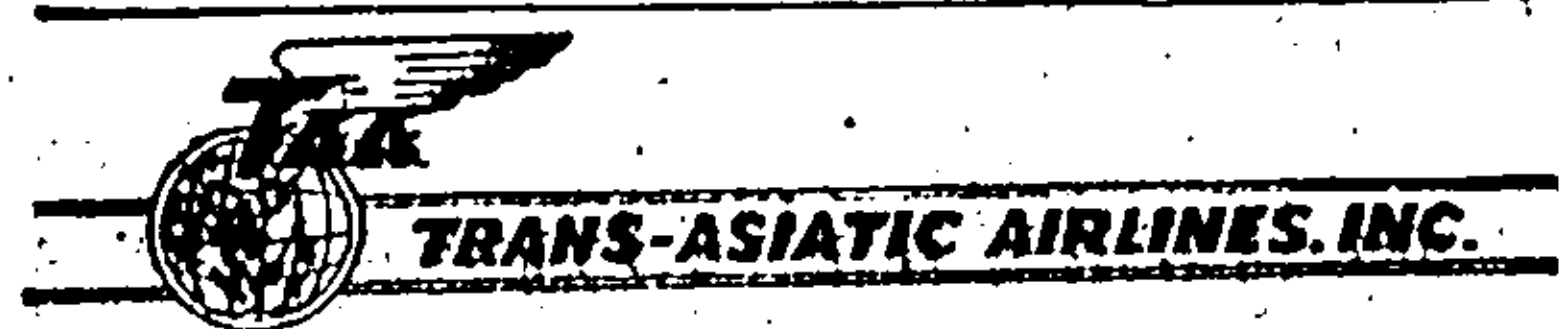
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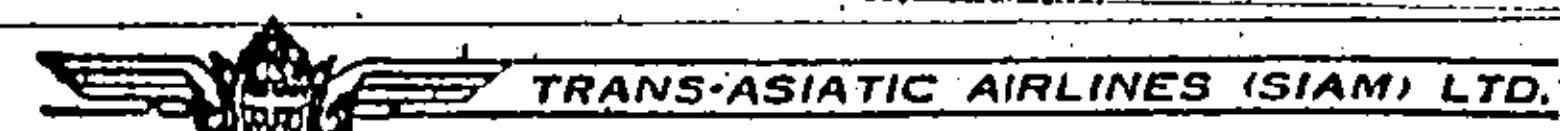
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BIRTH

MELLOR—At Queen Mary Hospital, on June 12, 1948, to Murielle (née Jeannette Grosjean), wife of B. Mellor, a son, Marc.

THE PROBLEMS OF HONG KONG

In Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead's analysis of the problems of Hong Kong, there was little that was excitingly new. Most of its main points have been exhaustively dealt with by Mr. Woodhead in his weekly contributions to the "Sunday Herald," and broadly discussed in the "Times" and in other circles. They are, however, strong enough to bear constant repetition and further emphasis, and the forthright exposition at the Rotary Club of the critical issues that are at stake, suffered nothing in that it was a variant on an old theme.

Nor is it without significance that the problem engaging the sharpest attention was precisely that on which there is the least likelihood of official action. Government will defend with all its might its privilege of applying a vexatious immigration law to a few score foreigners—and, at times, British nationals, but to touch upon the only immigration problem that need cause any real anxiety for any reason at all induces in the hierarchy—nothing more invigorating than a cold sweat. Undoubtedly the difficulties are formidable, the expense to the taxpayer would be heavy and the risk of creating another racket great, but if there is a limit to the Colony's capacity to absorb additional population—and that hardly calls for argument—then the time for action is before the avalanche.

Dual nationality, remotely linked, is a question which at the end of a hundred years of administration in Hong Kong along lines conducing towards the making of sharp distinctions between Chinese and non-Chinese, may well seem to be academic rather than controversial. A whole host of other factors enter, ancestor worship, the person who is born, lives and dies here, but still goes back, periodically, to "the country," to say nothing of simple convenience and the hard fact of the Chinese nationality law. An attempt to build into this place a native loyalty, to create a Hong Kong citizen owing allegiance only to the Crown, might possibly have succeeded had policy been directed towards that specific end over a long period of years. To make a start now would definitely carry the appearance of offering too little too late.

The idea, of course, has its allurements. It tempts speculation. And there are in fact restricted numbers of residents to whom Hong Kong and no other place is home, and who, mostly, can claim to be good solid citizens of the type envisaged by those in quest of a New Hong Kong, something after the fashion of the New Jerusalem. But the proportion is pitifully small, quite inadequate to provide a satisfactory nucleus. Moreover, even these groups have developed in spite of their environment, rather than because of it, from accidents of time and place, on Jack

AFRICA:

PIONEERS IN A HURRY

for the second (2,000 acres just bushy-topped at Kogwa).

Cut Out Politics

The East African groundnuts scheme is under fire. The Mail has invited Alan Wood, Australian journalist and "reporter at Arnheim," now head of the information Division of the Overseas Food Corporation, to explain the progress of the scheme and reply to some criticisms.

In the tropical sweat of Tanganyika, miles from everywhere, pioneers have gone out to clear vast tracts of the tsetse-infested African bush and grow peanuts in the reclaimed earth. Why? Because the world is hungry, and its hunger will never be satisfied unless new land is opened up by new methods.

Because the African people themselves face future famine so long as they depend on primitive peasant agriculture. Their only implement is the hoe. They cannot hope to clear the bush on their own, sink the boreholes for water, make the waste lands bear fertile crops.

But why peanuts? Because the peanut, or groundnut, is the quickest crop to meet the present world shortage of edible oils—in other words, margarine. You plant the seed about December and start reaping the harvest next April or May.

Too Long To Wait

Palm trees take from seven to ten years to come to maturity. And that is too slow in the race against world starvation. The groundnut pioneers are men in a hurry. Starting almost from scratch, facing incredible difficulties—few roads, one heavily-laden single-track railway, only one port—these African adventurers succeeded last year in clearing about 13,000 acres and planting 7,492 of them with groundnuts.

That is the achievement. What has been the reward? Criticism. So much criticism that The Daily Mail has asked me to reply to some of it.

One point constantly recurs. The original estimate was 150,000 acres cleared in the first year. The pioneers, instead of being praised for the 13,000 acres they cleared, are criticised for not clearing 137,000 acres more. Naturally, the public asks: Was this target missed because of unforeseen difficulties which will doom the whole project to failure? Or is it a matter of temporary setbacks?

What really happened was that it did not prove possible to start the full-scale scheme at all in 1947, which was only a year of preparation and some experimental clearing; 1948 is, in fact, the first full-year of the scheme, and it is with this year's performance that the 150,000-acre target must be compared.

Hence The Delay

These briefly are the main causes of the delay. (1) The original hope was to get enough tractors to start clearing in February 1947. But this could not be done until July—five months later. (2) New tractors could not be bought from America, where the home demand exceeded the supply. None of the type required was made in Britain.

So the pioneers had to do the best they could with second-hand U.S. Army machines picked up from the Pacific battlefronts. When (as was inevitable) they

GOING TO BE A BIG ONE

Los Angeles, June 15. The President of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, Harry Bridges, told a meeting of the CIO Maritime Union today that there would yet be a maritime strike. He said the ILWU would abide by the Government's restraining order, but "the strike day will be when this order is dissolved."

WAGE AGREEMENT

Detroit, June 15. The Hudson Motor Car Company and CIO United Auto Workers today reached a third-round wage agreement granting 17,000 Hudson employees a flat pay boost of 15 cents an hour in a two-year contract—United Press.

of it—and would undoubtedly prefer to avoid any circumstance likely to put their loyalty to a crucial test.

Far safer to seek a more limited objective and direct policy towards breaking down the barriers between different sections of the community, now as the process must be, and have in view the creation of an atmosphere of common interest in all that forms part of the life of Hong Kong, on all levels, social, commercial and political. Then we might, conceivably, get somewhere.

Now The Shervicks

The first difficulties and delays are being overcome. The engineers have tackled the problem of the roots and designed the equipment to deal with them.

By ALAN WOOD

A stock of spare parts has been built up for the American tractors. To reinforce them, Sherman tanks have been pulled to pieces in England and rebuilt into tractors—the first of these "Shervicks" will be shipped this month.

Meanwhile, one new railway branch line has been built, work goes ahead on the roads and ports. There is no port yet in Southern Tanganyika, but the answer has been found for the time being in tank landing-craft used as lighters, running up the mangrove swamps at Lindi to unload at improvised piers and "barges."

Most important of all: The first groundnut harvest is being reaped, and clearing goes ahead.

Bristol Quads In Good Shape

The quadruplet girls born in Bristol on Saturday to Mrs. Charles Good are taking a livelier interest in life. They became in their four small ways the objects of a little polite betting.

Sister Charlotte Radcliffe and her staff of seven nurses at the South Ward Hospital were making wagers with appropriate odds on which would be the first to leave the oxygen chambers in which they are sleeping and gradually gaining strength.

On the "form" shown today, according to the staff, the winner should be Frances, followed in order by Elizabeth, Bridget and Jennifer.

Physicians were satisfied with the progress made by the babies and their mother. The parents were arranging a christening, which the father said will be a "mass ceremony" in a couple of weeks.

Three of the babies were put on bottles today and even little Jennifer, weakest of the four, was able to take nourishment. She is being fed breast milk mixed with water from a pipette.

Dr. G. E. Gibwood, Resident Obstetrician at Southmead who missed officiating at the birth of the quads because of a slight cold, took pictures of the Caesarian operation from a corner of the surgery with a minia-

ture camera on Saturday. His cold was worse today—and he kept away from the babies.

"It is very disappointing to have the progress reports at second hand," he said.—Associated Press.

RECIPE FOR LONG LIFE

Windsor, Surrey.

June 16. One of the last of Britain's chimney sweep boys who, in the 19th century, clambered naked up chimneys and swept them down with a hand brush, celebrates his 103rd birthday today.

He is Joseph Lawrence who, reminiscing today, said he was poor he worked naked winter and summer for seven years to avoid spoiling his only suit.

He is still active, in good health and wears glasses only for reading. His recipe for long life: "No worry and no medicine."—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



IN THE FOREST SOMETHING STIRS

Somewhere along the forbidding, inaccessible north-eastern border of India, in the primeval forests where three frontiers meet, tribesmen have seen a monster which makes all others take a back seat.

Compare this description (captioned by a frantic Indian correspondent in his paper in Calcutta) with any you have read of the Loch Ness resident or any sailorman's tale of sea serpents: "It is about 90ft. long and 20ft. high. Its face resembles nothing that is known or can be imagined."

We Shall Absorb Them!

How is it that this mountain-ringed desert land—five times as big as the United Kingdom, but with less than one-third the population—should have stood up to Russia so successfully when vastly more powerful neighbours have fallen before the Soviet steam-roller?

There are many reasons, reaching far back into history.

From JOHN ROBERTS

Listen to one of them, as it was told to me by a Persian general. "You must imagine Persia," he said, "as a nut—a nut extremely difficult to crack. The only way into it is to bore through the shell."

"You foreigners are like some sharp-beaked insects. You bore and bore and bore until you make a tiny hole. Once inside the shell, you find the nut very sweet, the most delicious nut you have ever tasted. You gorged and gorge."

"Then, of course, you want to get out. You make your way back to the hole through which you came in. But now, alas, you find that, with all this good living, you have become too fat to make your way out. And so you have to starve before you can emerge again."

"Even if the Russians do invade us," my friend added, "well—what of it? We've had invasions before and we are still here, which is more than can be said of some of those who tried to conquer us."

"There's no danger of our turning into Russians, but there is the danger—perhaps I had better call it the possibility—of the Russians turning into Persians."

"We are an easy-going lot, with our tea-drinking, our opium pipes, our little twists of corruption, our general attitude of 'don't care.'"

But Persia has an astute governing class and no Communist party.

The Persian cares little about politics, and there are no parties in his country as we know them in Britain. There is, it is true a tiny trade union movement, but like almost everything else, it is a relic of the age-old, brushy corruption. There is, in fact, no bone for the Communist agitator to get his teeth into, even if there were any sympathy with Communism, which there is not. Persia is individualistic.

ed. Its posterior is like the tail of a lizard—magnified a billion billion times. It has no tusks (at least it does not show them) and its footprints are not those of an elephant.

Tribal people of the Balipara Tract recently came across this moving mountain of flesh, waddling majestically and happily plucking the tops of huge ancient trees. It is said to be very decent in its dealings as it did not damage or destroy the crops or kill a single mortal."

As a bundle of negatives this despatch takes some beating, but local zoological enthusiasts were not at a loss. They said it was a Dinotherium—a huge prehistoric mammal.

The Assam Government, however, was not impressed. It refused to recognise officially the existence of the giant. Official zoologists pointed out that the Dinotherium trod the earth 30 million years ago and existed now only in picture books.

But here is a point: The Dinotherium is in the same line of descent as the elephant—and elephants are plentiful and dangerous in the Balipara Tract.

Forest officers acquainted with this wild part of the world refuse to discredit the story. They say nothing is impossible in these inaccessible regions.

A year ago, when I was in this area, a Briton and his wife were administering British rule as far as it extended then—a six-day march from the nearest railroad.

The British woman was known as the White Queen of the Nagas because of her influence beyond the warlike tribes beyond the eastern borders of Assam.

But north of this British outpost was mystery....

"And if you know your India you will not deny the truth of anything because it is incredible. Millions of Indians believe Ceylon was once conquered by the god Rama with the assistance of a host of monkeys. At least two towns—Trichinopoly and Tanjore—are named after demons who were slain there."

Bunkum, you say? Well, what about the Jalpaiguri Giant, India's King Kong, seen several times in Northern Bengal about 12 years ago?

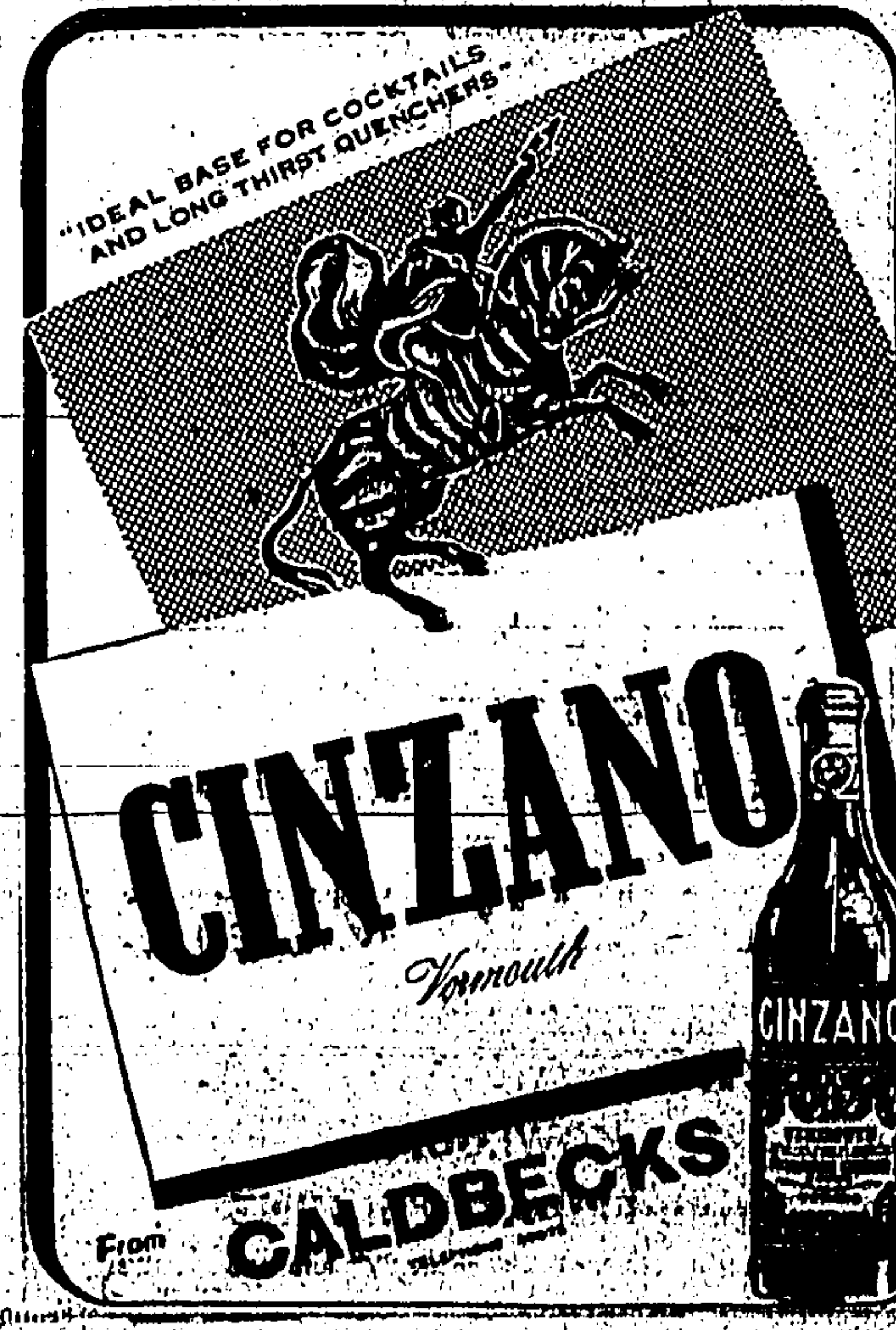
Its first victim was a wood-cutter who found himself face to face with the 18-foot high monster, and fled shrieking in terror till he fell exhausted and died—of fright. But not before he had told his terrified companions something of the horror he had seen.

Villagers and townsmen barricaded their houses at night—had hard-bitten, sceptical headquarters in Calcutta refused to believe the story until a rail officer sent a tracing of what looked like human-shaped footprints—but 22 inches long and 11 inches wide!

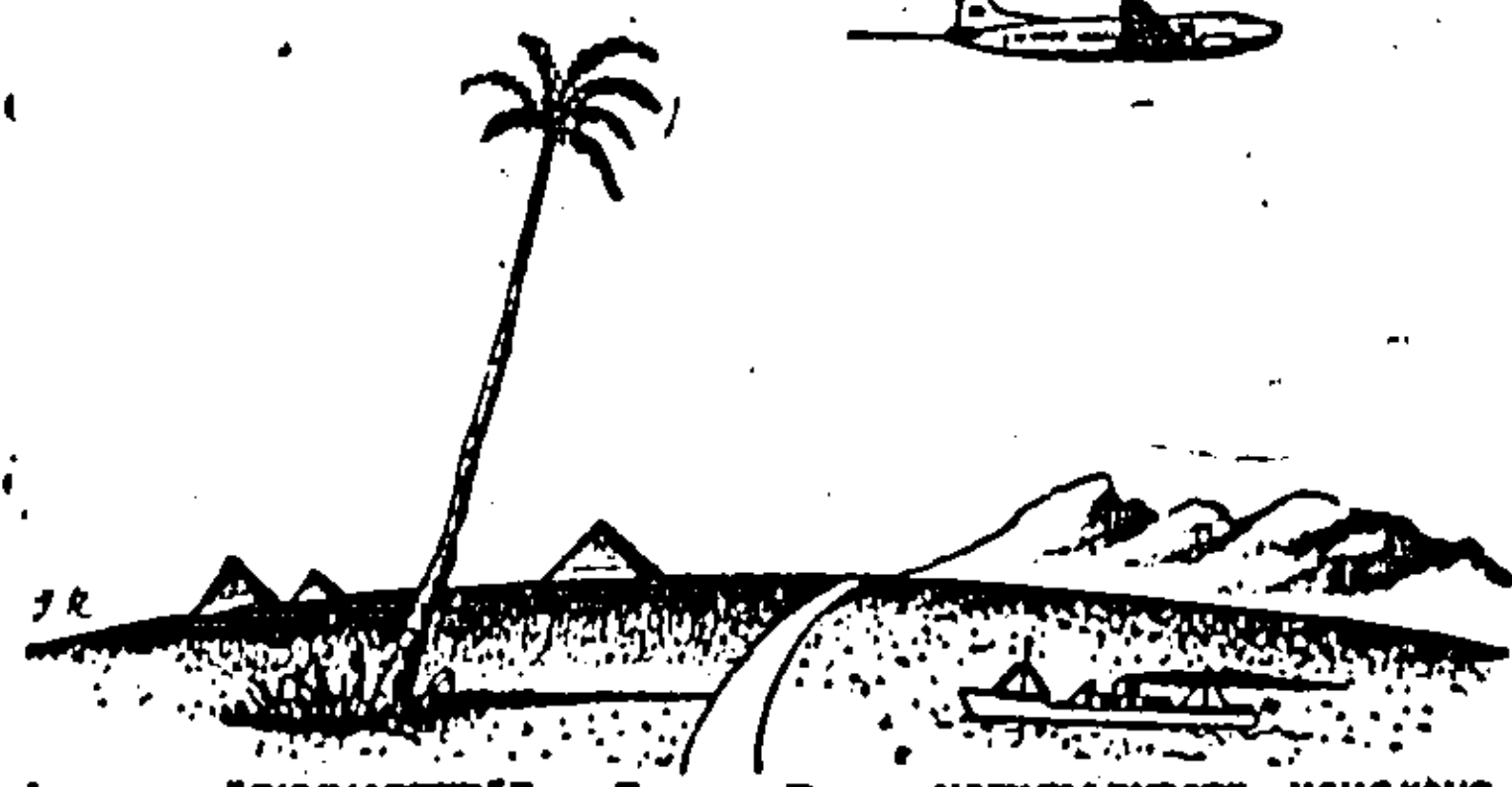
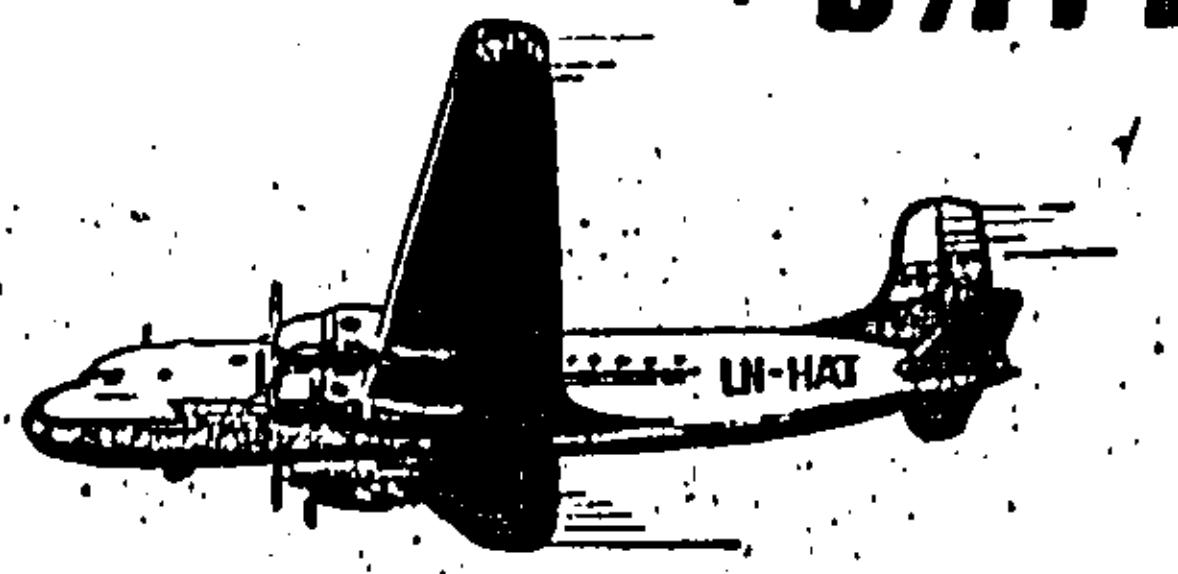
But to get back to the Balipara Monster. Exceptionally interested in the discovery at Assam tea planters. They have heard of white elephants—even pink elephants—but what is this brew that makes you see the father of all elephants?

TAILPIECE.—Dr. W. E. Swinton, Dinotherium expert at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, says: "The only creature I know that was bigger than an elephant was a dinosaur—and the last one died about sixty million years ago. But I'm not saying anything is impossible. Not after the fish that was caught alive off the African coast some time ago. We had been staring for years that he was extinct."

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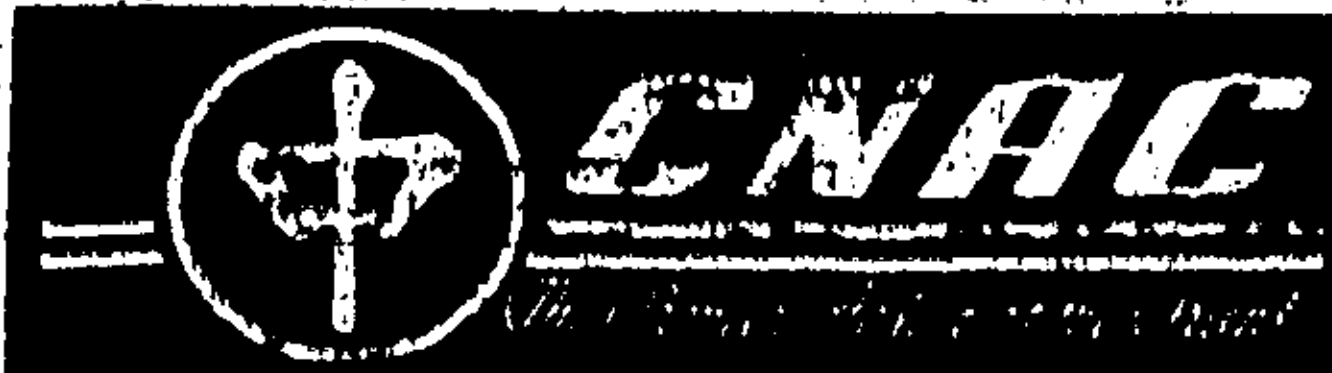
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SCANDINAVIAN ALLIANCE?

Anglo-US Approach To Sweden Reported STOCKHOLM FEAR OF RUSSIA

London, June 15.
A Swedish informant said today that the US and Britain have urged Sweden to sign a Scandinavian defence pact.

Sweden has indicated unwillingness to enter any regional defence alliance with Norway and Denmark if it is linked with the Brussels alliance of France, Britain and the Benelux countries.

The argument is that this would anger Russia and that Sweden would get no compensating guarantee of military aid.

The informant said Norway and Denmark are less positive than Scandinavia neutrally could be kept in a war between the West and East. The have made no secret of a desire to tie up with the Western defence grouping.

The informant said the British Foreign Office told Swedish Ambassador Eric Boheman that Britain would like to see a Scandinavian alliance concluded soon.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Halvard Lange told The Associated Press in Oslo tonight that ordinary diplomatic talks are taking place between the Norwegian Ambassador in London Per Fredriksen and the Foreign Office.

The Foreign Minister made this statement when commenting on an Associated Press report from London that a Swedish diplomat had stated that the Norwegian and Danish Governments would regard it as "unfortunate" if the Western Union "closed its doors to the Scandinavian countries" because of the present deadlock.

Anglo-Norwegian Talks

He said US diplomats in Stockholm and Washington have left Sweden. In no doubt the US wants to "know who her friends are."

Britain Gets A 'Heat Wave'

London, June 14.
When the temperature climbed to 77 degrees at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Londoners thought they were having a heat wave of extraordinary ferocity.

The "heat wave" spread all over England. At crowded Trent Bridge cricket ground in Nottingham, where England and Australia are playing the first Test, 30 spectators fainted. The temperature there was 73.

Lightning struck in a dozen places as thundershowers added to the humidity without easing the heat. It did little damage besides killing two horses standing in a meadow.

One bolt tore a hole in the roof of a school while 600 children were singing at the top of their voices to drown the thunderclaps.

Spotty showers dropped flash floods on several London residential districts. Firemen had to man a hose to help them finally had to start answering the phone. "Sorry. No more pumps available."—Associated Press.

Gory Jap Operation

Yokohama, June 16.
Japan's first woman war crimes defendant today described a gory lung operation in which a captive American airman died.

The woman, Shizuko Tsutsumi, 31, is on trial with 28 men charged with murder of eight Americans—B-29 crewmen; butchered in medical experiments at the Kyushu University.

The doctor who performed the operation "inspected" the lungs with his hands as he watched," Tsutsumi said in a statement introduced by the prosecution.

The doctor held "the right lung with a pair of pliers" and "cut out about one-third of the lung."

The unidentified patient's condition soon afterward became bad and he died about the time the incision was sewed up, she said. Tsutsumi was the head nurse in the surgical department where the operations were performed.

Two other women were tried before a separate 8th Army Tribunal in another case which started after the Kyushu vivisection trial. Both of them were acquitted. One of them, Tsutsumi, whose case started first, were the only three women to be tried so far.—Associated Press.

DANGER OVER

Portland, June 15.
The most destructive flood in the history of the Pacific Northwest has begun to subside. The Columbia River, which has been at flood stage for almost a month, began falling from Trail, British Columbia, to Vancouver, Washington.—United Press.

Apology Accepted

London, June 15.
Mr. Winston Churchill today accepted Mr. Herbert Morrison's apology for accusing him falsely of taking a £2,000 a year salary as leader of the Opposition "even while absent."

In a letter to Mr. Morrison, Mr. Churchill said, "I thank you for your letter of June 14, withdrawing and regretting your statement at Cardiff about my salary as leader of the Opposition."

"I am content with this and, in consequence, have no need to raise the matter in the House."—United Press.

Reds Woo British Catholics

London, June 15.
Britain's Communist Party bid today for the support of Catholic workers.

Harry Pollitt, its Secretary-General, told a rally that the party "invites Catholic workers to share our outlook on industrial, social and political matters."

He claimed that the Communist party stands for "full rights to practice religion" and urged Catholics to join "without hesitation and play their part in bringing about the fundamental social change which is the only hope of the working class."

Pollitt coupled his appeal with an attack upon the Vatican.—Associated Press.

GROMYKO SEES A DEEP PLOT

Lake Success, June 15.
The United Nations Security Council today killed a Russian proposal aimed at placing five Soviet officers on the military observation team created to help supervise the armistice in Palestine.

Only Russia and the Ukraine supported the Soviet proposal, while the remaining nine nations on the Security Council abstained from voting. This left the Soviet delegate (M. Andrei Gromyko) with only two of the seven votes necessary for passage.

Only The Clips Survived

London, June 15.
The Privy Council conceded today that it had been outwitted by white ants and the Council adjourned to take counsel.

The case, before the Council's Judicial Committee was a dispute about frontiers between the West African tribes of Nkwana and Bechem. The very same case was adjourned last February for a study of historical documents at Kumasi, provincial capital of the Gold Coast province of Ashanti.

Research specialists assigned to the case reported today:—"Unfortunately the documents were kept in a building at Kumasi which was accessible to white ants. Only the paper clips survived."

Judgment in the dispute was reserved.—Associated Press.

Talks With Russians To Resume

London, June 15.
The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, said at a London meeting today that "negotiations" for trade with the Soviet Union are to be resumed in the very near future.

He said the Russians had now replied welcoming the British invitation to resume the talks in London. He would conduct the talks himself and it was found necessary to continue the talks in Moscow, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. Arthur Butteny, would go there.

Russia will have to buy "a wider range" of British goods if Anglo-Russian trade is to be further developed, Mr. Wilson added.

He has supplied the Russians with a list of the goods which Britain would like to export to them," he said. "They include everything from false teeth to hydraulic cranes."—Reuter.

TO REMAIN ILO MEMBER

Washington, June 16.
The House of Representatives today approved legislation which would authorize the United States to continue membership in the International Labour Organization.

The measure would signify United States acceptance of revisions of the ILO constitution drawn up in October 1946, to fit the UN pattern.

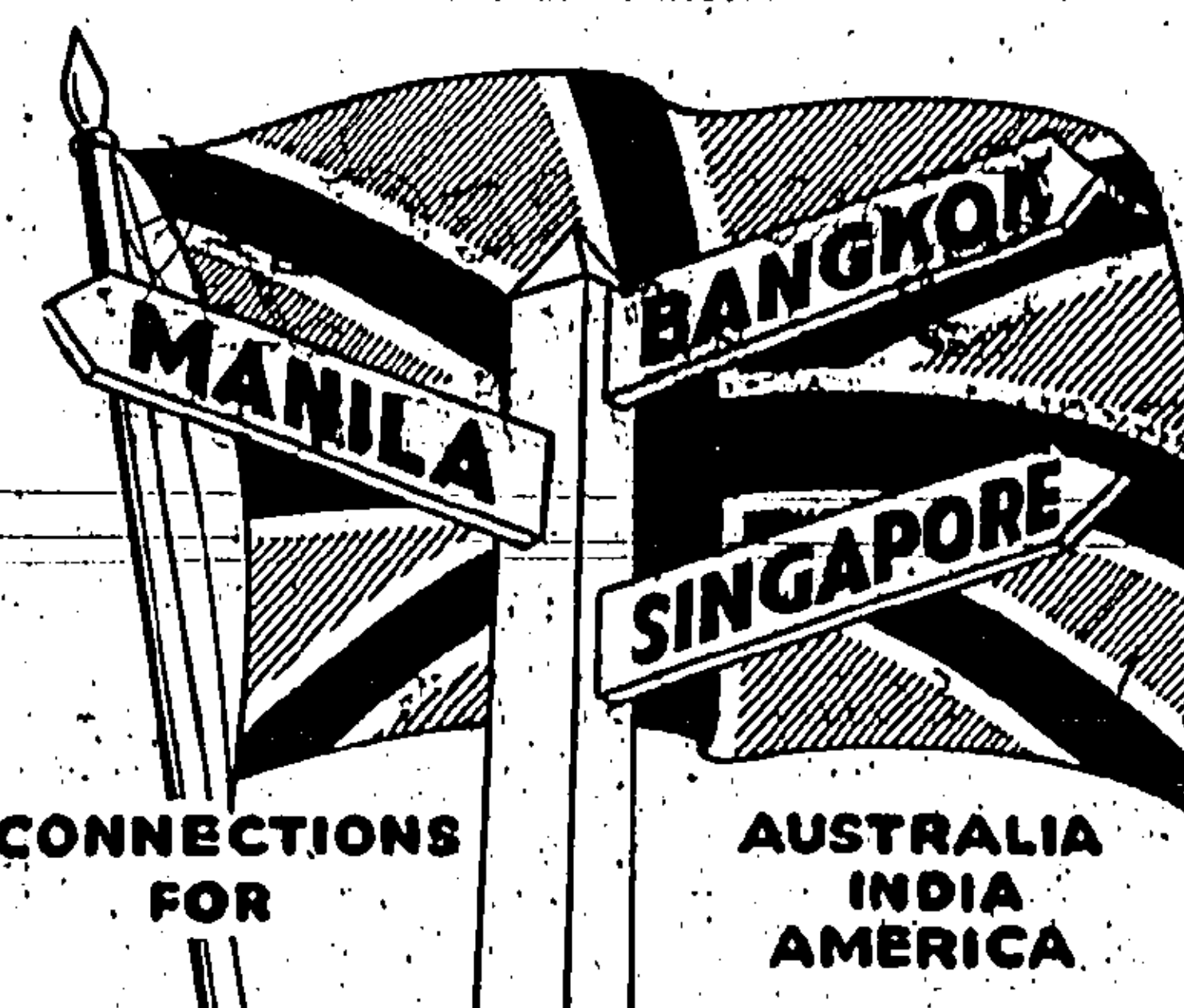
The House amendments will require Senate action before the bill can go to the White House.—United Press.

ILO PROPOSAL TO UNO

Montreal, June 16.
The International Labour Organization has proposed joint consultation with the United Nations on machinery for enforcing the rights of workers and employers - to join organizations of their own choosing.

The proposal is to be considered at the International Labour Organisation's annual conference at San Francisco, opening on Thursday.—Reuter.

Shanghai, June 16.
A Chinese report from Nanking said today that the Chinese agreement with the Union of South Africa for mutual reduction of tariff came into effect on June 14.—United Press.



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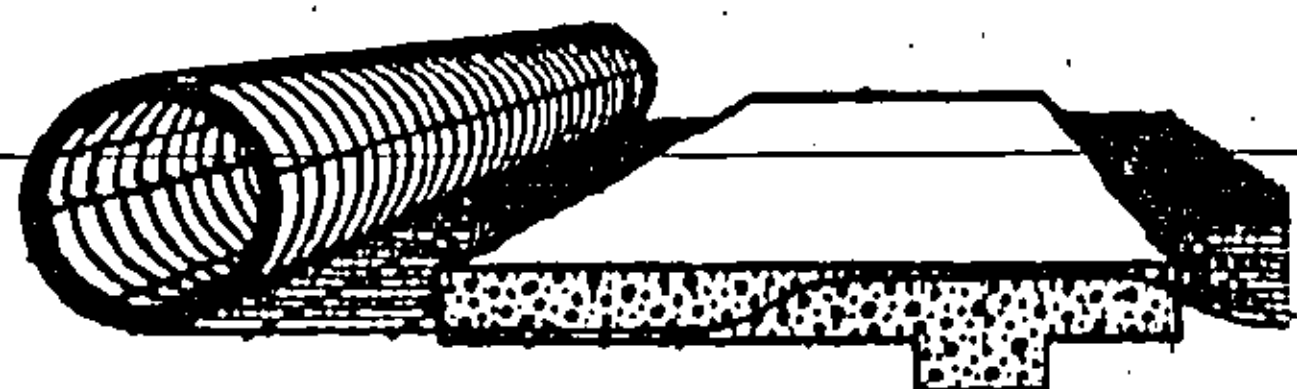
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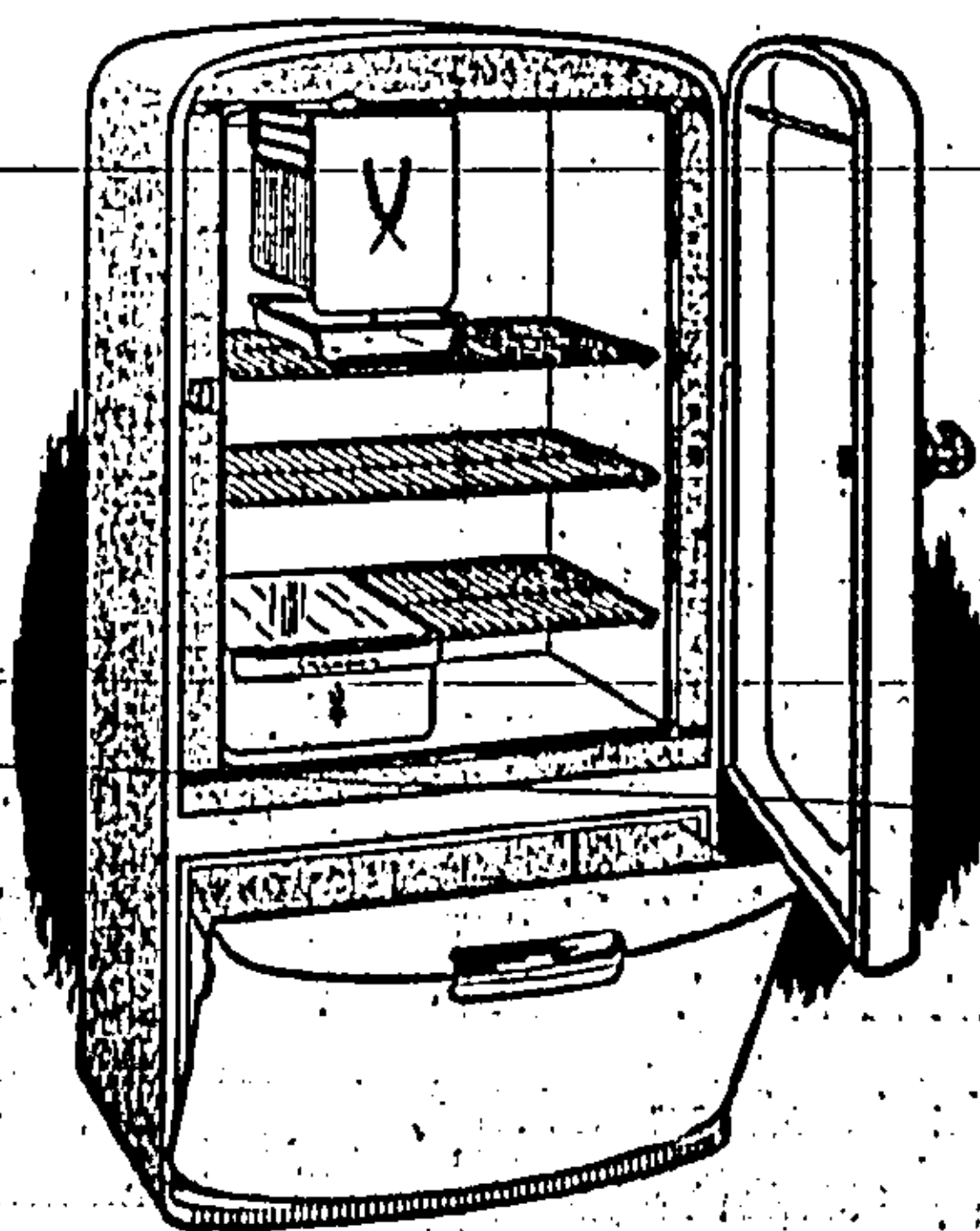
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ENGINEERING PAGE BRITISH HEAVY INDUSTRY

GOES TO IT By JOHN KINGSLEY

Right in the forefront of the British export drive are the engineering and metallurgical industries. Together they now account for between 50 and 60 per cent. of total export. Admittedly, their task is made easier by the enormous world demand for capital and similar goods, which should take some years yet to fill. But this is not the only reason for the present prosperity—British firms are as before the war still the leading suppliers of many types of engineering products.

This does not mean, of course, that it is just a case of getting the orders, settling the price and going ahead with delivery. These industries have to balance their productive capacity neatly over four main domains: an increase in the export of their own products, particularly to dollar and hard currency areas; equipment and the services of their basic British exporting industries such as coal and steel; provision of plant for development of overseas resources especially Colonial and European; provision of physical assets, likely to increase British invisible earnings, for example, from shipping and overseas investments.

Industry's Big Effort

Adding all these needs to wartime losses of plant and arrears of maintenance work, the full demand is obviously beyond the immediate capacity of the engineering industry to supply. The call has also been intensified by the virtual removal from the postwar market of Germany which was a leading prewar supplier.

The effort the industry is putting into answering the many calls on it is shown by the fact that production in the third quarter of 1947 was nearly 24 per cent. above 1938. But the Economic Commission for Europe has recently estimated that the European iron and steel engineering industries need to be some 40 to 50 per cent. more productive than in 1938 to reduce dependence on imports and sustain overall production when the present period of reconstruction is complete. The greatest immediate engineering shortages are for railway wagons, mining equipment, electrical equipment and agricultural machinery.

Britain also has to consider the calls of her Colonies for machinery and equipment to develop new projects, such as the East African ground-nuts scheme which will increase her food and raw materials supplies. As these great schemes get underway there will be an almost insatiable call for all kinds of engineering products ranging from complete railways to small items of plant and machinery and including earth-moving equipment, docks and harbours. At the moment and because of other urgent calls it is reckoned that little more than one-third of immediate firm requirements for Colonial works are now being met.

Home Demands Pruned

In the process of expanding exports, Home demands have had to be pruned to the lowest safety limits. Last year the Government put in hand its capital programme cuts, which will

help to save steel, economise in the use of manpower and counter inflation as well as help exports. Still in the face of this, it is estimated that current capital investment is potentially of the order of £2,000,000,000 or 20 per cent. of the gross national product, which will prove a good buffer if and when other demands fall off.

The British engineering industry, despite the ravages of war, is well situated to cope with most needs. In fact, the war strengthened the emphasis of the engineering section of the British economy. Home developed products are replacing imports to some extent and invention and quality are still unbroken.

Since 1938, the productivity of the industry has grown by some 25 per cent. and the labour force engaged in it by about the same proportion to more than 14 per cent. of the industrial population. Between January, 1946, and December, 1947, the production rate of engineering, shipbuilding and electrical goods increased by almost one half. Going down in details, 33,000 passenger cars were made in March, 1948, against 28,000 a month in 1938. In 1935 Britain made 29,000 railway wagons, last year 38,000. The value of output of many items of plant, such as boilers, pumping plant, specialised machinery and so on is 450 and more times the average for 1935. The same

is true of many sections of agricultural machinery.

Exports of many British engineering goods are now breaking all-time records and the overall target of the volume for December, 1948, is more than twice the 1938 average. Looking at this from the angle of Europe as a whole, British machinery exports now account for almost 60 per cent. of the total as against little more than 30 per cent. pre war. As to the immediate future, shortages of manpower and materials must necessarily be limiting factors. But it is significant of the determination behind Britain's drive that the 1948 output target for steel has just been increased by 500,000 tons to 14,500,000 tons. As recent monthly production has been running at an annual rate of over 15,000,000 tons there is a reasonable prospect of this aim being reached, with direct benefits to the consuming industries, of which engineering is the biggest.



CANADA'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR.—The first international trade fair to be held in North America was opened in Toronto, on Saturday, May 29, by Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada. He is shown above addressing the audience of foreign exhibitors and buyers during the opening ceremony. Hon. A. Mackinnon, a Minister of the Canadian Government, is shown at the right. Buyers from 60 countries and exhibitors from 32 countries including Hong Kong, are represented at the fair, which is to be held again in 1949.

Special Alloy Tubes

Tubes made of a special alloy containing copper, nickel and iron, which resist corrosion and erosion by hot and cold seawater to a very high degree were shown in the Birmingham section of the British Industries Fair. Tubes of this alloy are recommended for all sea-water pipe-lines on board ship where unalloyed copper tubes are liable to corrosion and erosion.

These copper-nickel-iron tubes can be bent and flanged by any copper-smith and are made in a wide range of sizes from one-quarter-of-an-inch up to 12 inches in diameter. As a result of prolonged research work and field tests with a wide range of alloys at high temperatures, the makers have proved the suitability of aluminium-brass tubes for use in various forms of heat exchangers for oil apparatus and similar applications. The tubes are particularly resistant to corrosion and retain their strength to a marked degree at temperatures in the region of 400 degrees Centigrade. Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, Metals Division, are the manufacturers.

Police Diversity Communication

At the British Industries Fair Marconi's recently showed some of the latest developments in radar and in radio for communication and navigation. The smallest of the exhibits was a 2-watt combined transmitter and receiver which has been developed for use by river pilots. It works on very high frequencies and can easily be carried on board a vessel by a pilot so that he has a portable self-contained means of talking to the shore or to the pilots of other vessels. Other applications of this set include its use by the Press for reporting and for a variety of mobile uses.

The police equipment included a new frequency-modulated "headquarters" set for communication with police cars and with other control centres. A new development is a complete rack assembly of control centre equipment. This rack, which has been designed for use at the control centre of a large metropolitan or county police force, combines in one compact unit all the various control panels and equipment used for diversity transmission and reception. Diversity communication is being widely adopted by the police as a means of ensuring clear and reliable contact with mobile units over a very wide area. Radar equipment on view included part of the Marconi "Radiolocator" Marine radar

equipment which has been developed specially for the Merchant Navy after exhaustive trials under actual seagoing conditions. It shows the plan position indicator, a continuous "picture" of an area of about 20 miles radius all round a vessel. Any objects within this area such as other vessels, buoys, coastlines, etc. appear in the "picture" as spots of light and enable the navigator rapidly to determine his exact position in darkness or in foggy weather, as well as knowing continuously the position of any other shipping in the vicinity in relation to his own position.

Boon To The Gardener

An English firm has invented a machine which will come as a boon to every gardener: it reduces irksome weeding to a novel pastime. The machine, which has the appearance of an Army flame thrower, works on the principle similar to that of the blow lamp. Pressure is built up in a three-gallon welded steel tank which is mounted on skids. Paraffin or diesel oil vapour is forced along a five-foot length of hose through a short metal pipe to a vaporiser where the vapour reaches a heat of 2,000 degrees centigrade. It is claimed that the gun can be put to 100 uses, including the destroying of weeds, moss, ground pests, clearing paths, drives, rockeries, removing paint rust, heating metals of all types and sterilising chicken runs. The manufacturers are Morton Longley Ltd., of The Beacon, Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon, Middlesex.

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British Radar For Sweden

Proof that British supremacy in the navigational field applies equally to radio radar comes in the report that the Swedish State Railways authorities have decided to instal Cossor marine radar equipment in one of their largest train-carrying ferry ships. This ship carries over 1,500,000 passengers and 8,000 railway wagons annually between Copenhagen and Malmo and because the route is frequently obscured by fog, accurate and reliable radar is regarded as an indispensable part of her equipment.

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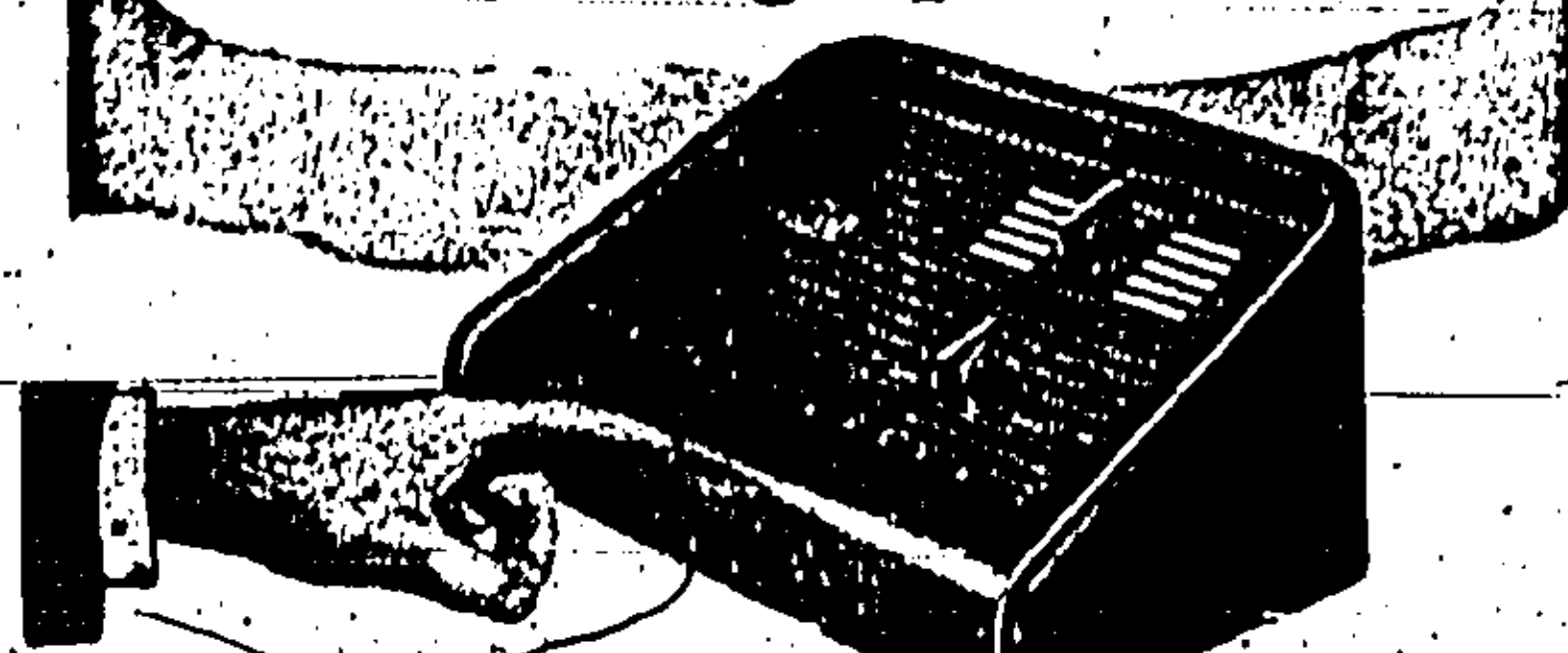
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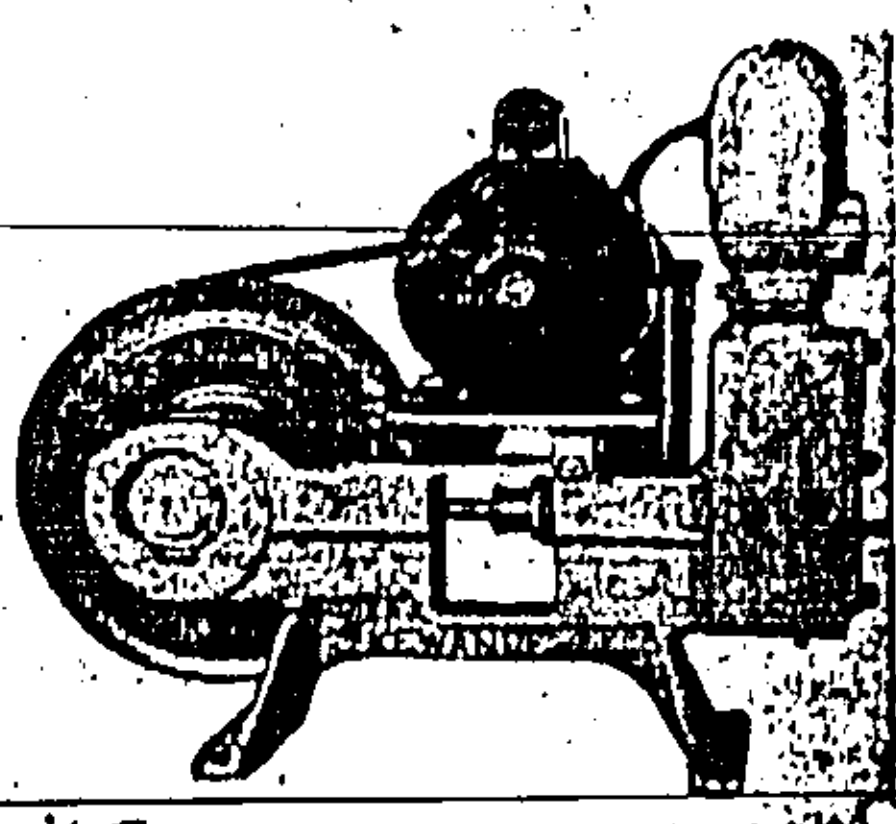
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'EMPIRE FOR SOVIET TAKING' Russia To Concentrate On Far East? RISK OF GAMBLE IN EUROPE

London, June 15.

The Manchester Guardian speculated editorially today that "if Western Union and the Marshall plan build a wall against Russian advance in Europe, the Russian machine may reverse in its tracks and move back towards Asia."

"Moscow may decide that it is foolish to risk destruction by gambling too high in the West when in the East there is an empire for the taking."

"Moreover, it may think that paramountcy in Asia would lead in the long run to paramountcy from the Sea of Japan to the Atlantic."

UK UNRRA GOODS FOR CHINA

London, June 16.

There are now only about 1,000 tons remaining of Britain's contribution through UNRRA towards the reconstruction of China to be despatched to the Far East, and it is expected that the London office of UNRRA will bring its operations to an end by the close of this year.

British assistance to China in this sphere has been a dual character. Material shipped to the Orient by the British Government itself, and that dispatched under the direction of UNRRA.

Due to the heavy demand made on British industry, some delay has taken place with regard to the delivery dates of some consignments required by China.

This lag at one time led to the fear that delivery might not be possible until after the dead line set by the Treasury as the closing date of assistance to UNRRA. This anxiety has been removed for it has been intimated that no time limit is to be enforced in regard to Britain's contribution to UNRRA's programme of reconstruction in China. Thus has been added to Britain's emphasis to give all assistance within its scope to China.

The Guardian drew a parallel between Russia's opportunity in Asia and that which lay before her at the end of the war in Eastern Europe.

"On the one side, a discontented peasantry, on the other side a middle class too small and too badly shaken to be able to carry on its former dominant role."

Control Of Asia

Russia's skill in moderating its Communism in the penetration of Eastern Europe could be repeated in tactics in Asia, the Guardian maintained.

The masses of the people of Asia "would respond to the appeal of a carefully moderated Communism of the new East European pattern. The programme would be no more than a mild Socialism. It might nevertheless put the Communist machine in control of Asia."

The paper pointed out that Communist parties are flourishing in most of the small Asiatic countries, in Burma, Ceylon, Indo-China, Indonesia and Malaya.

China First

"The news from Malaya and Burma is especially disturbing. What these parties lack in size they make up for in energy and persistence. But if Communism is to capture Asia as a whole, it is in India and China that it must prevail."

"At present a Communist China seems more likely than a Communist India, the Guardian said, though "in India also, a social upheaval has begun."—Associated Press.

Zapatocky Sworn In

Prague, June 15.
President Klement Gottwald swore in the new Cabinet of the Communist Premier, Antonin Zapatocky today with few changes in the line-up he forced President Eduard Beneš to accept last February. Zdenek Fierlinger, Social Democratic Left Wing Leader, who is fusing his Party with the Communists on June 27, was promoted from Minister of Industry to Deputy Premier. He replaces Bohumil Laušman, who retires to an industrial post.—Associated Press.

Guam As Flat-Top Gibraltar

Washington, June 15.

The House Appropriations Committee today approved US\$83,638,559 in cash and new contract authority as the down payment on the US\$800,000,000 Navy construction programme aimed to make Guam the "Flat-Top Gibraltar of the Pacific."

The Committee released testimony by Vice Admiral R.B. Carney saying that when the programme is completed within the next five years, Guam will be able to fuel and arm forces "we contemplate using in the Western Pacific in the event of hostilities."

The Navy's first target will be to enlarge and develop Guam's harbour facilities, the Committee said.

The funds approved today were part of an appropriation of US\$485,000,000 cash and US\$377,000,000 contract authority for the Commerce Department and two dozen other agencies.—United Press.

HE WAS LEFT 44 WIVES!

Lake Success, June 15.
A Cameroon chieftain who was recently alleged to employ "strong arm squads" to replenish his harem was today stated to have inherited from previous chiefs 44 of his 110 wives.

Following a complaint made to the United Nations by a Catholic organisation in England, that young girls were forcibly lured to him as wives of the Chief of Bikom, the British Colonial Office has explained the whole business.

The Chief of Bikom, it was explained, has the attribute of "divine kingship" which gives him the right to claim as his wives the first born daughters and all female twins in his community. If he does not want them himself he can pass them on to his sons or personal attendants.

It was not true, as the Catholic charge asserted, that girls are abducted by force, the Colonial Office said.—Reuter.

US Relief For Kwangsi

Canton, June 16.

Mr. Henry T. Sanson, Director of the South China office of the U.S. Government China Mission, will fly to Liuchow and Kweilin on June 16 for a two-day visit and will confer with Governor Huang Hsu-chu on CRM projects for Kwangsi.

This will be the first extension of American relief to Kwangsi, as heretofore South China activities have been confined to Kwangtung, which has benefited by the repair of 21 dykes and the sale of ration rice in Canton and Swatow at prices about 20 percent lower than in the current market.

Kwangsi is rehabilitating faster than Kwangtung without being much in the limelight, and trade is going on satisfactorily in Wuchow, Kweilin, Liuchow and Nanning.—Associated Press.

Australian Rationing Eased

Sydney, June 16.

The Australian Cabinet today decided to abolish meat and clothing rationing. It was authoritatively learned.

It has also decided to withdraw the price stabilisation subsidies on raw wool, textiles, potatoes and milk products. Subsidies on other commodities including tea, will be retained.

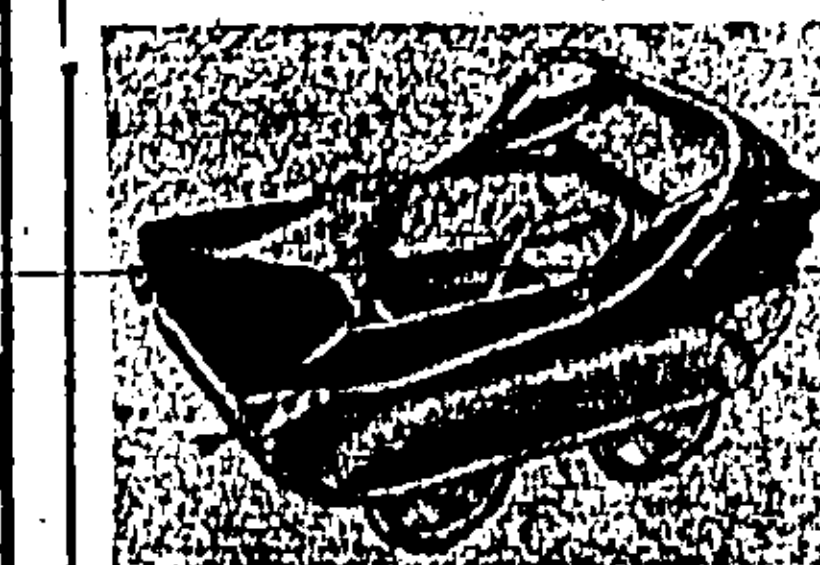
The Cabinet's decisions will be recommended to tomorrow's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party for adoption. The abolition of meat and clothing rationing is expected within two months. Tea, butter and petrol rationing will continue but will be reviewed in October.

The withdrawal of subsidies will mean an almost immediate increase in the price of the commodities affected. The tea subsidy was retained because the Ministers believed that it would be politically unwise to allow the price to go up.—Reuter.

Washington, June 15.

The State Department has announced the transfer of Mr. Stephen C. Brown from the Consulate at Shanghai to a post in the State Department. Mr. Brown's home is in Washington.—United Press.

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TACIT AGREEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

London, June 15.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the United States and Britain have a tacit agreement or understanding to consult one another before taking decisions on Middle East questions.

The spokesman said, "America and Britain have made it clear to each other where their interests lie. It is apparent to both that any steps which may take of immediate interest to the other."

However, he conceded that the United States did not consult Britain before recognizing the new state of Israel.

He said that Britain and the United States have been exchanging views on Middle East questions whenever necessary since the end of the war. He declined to say whether the views at any time conflicted.

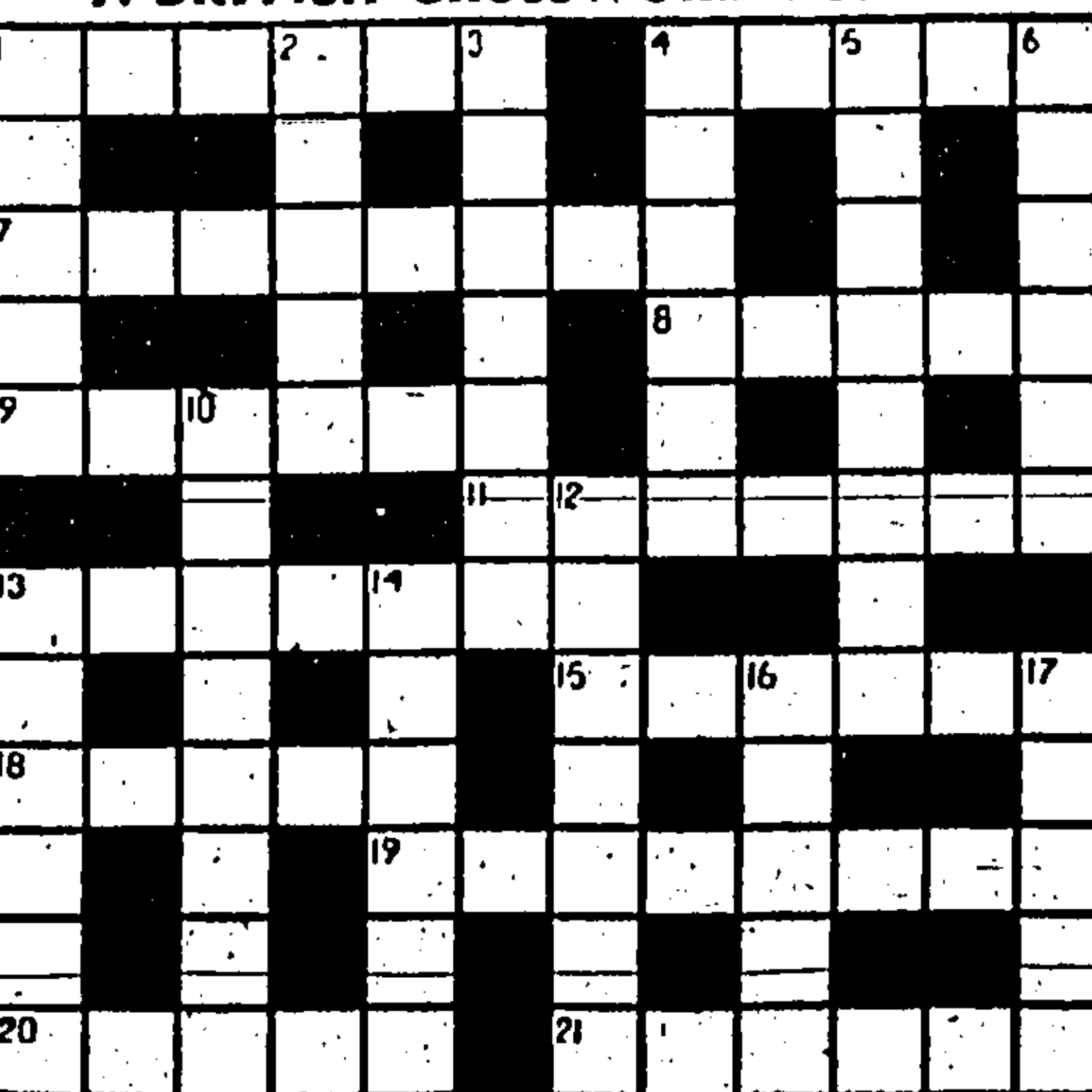
He denied a despatch in the Communist Daily Worker which reported that the United States and Britain are planning to "carve up" the Middle East.

The Daily Worker said, "Both sides are looking for a settlement which will give the Americans a major foothold on the coast of Israel and the British continued prestige with leaders of the Arab League."—United Press.

Moscow, June 16.

Crop conditions in the Volga area are unfavourable, Izvestia reports.—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Moderate. 15 Encourage.
4 Stroll. 18 Deserve.
7 Scorn. 19 Charging.
8 Best part. with crime.
9 Where. 20 Gloss.
10 Rabbits live. 21 Post Office worker.
11 Wearisome. 13 Censure.

Clues Down

1 Parrot. 12 Obliterate.
2 Bury. 13 Negligent.
3 Souvenir. 14 Got.
4 Wait on. 16 Niggard.
5 Voice. 17 Jungle animal.
6 Surplus. 10 Ready reply.
7 Type. 30 Lame. 31 Ordered. 32 Bust.
Down: 2 Enamel. 3 Meddle. 4 Mimic. 5 Arises. 6 Strut. 7 Voter. 12 Fair. 13 Split. 15 Undo. 16 Yell. 18 Beagle. 20 Orates. 21 Elaps. 23 Enter. 24 Image. 25 Dread.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1 Deem. 4 Massive. 8 Emir. 9 Bald. 10 Migrate. 11 Dais. 12 Foll. 14 Century. 17 Alien. 19 Model. 22 Retired. 23 Roll. 27 Aria. 28 Strange. 29

Naughty 90's At Waterloo

London, June 15.

Passengers at Waterloo Station rubbed their eyes when they saw an antiquated car with a man and a woman in the dress of 50 years ago driving away from No. 15 platform.

The two passengers had been driven in an old Southern Railway train by a driver with old-fashioned whiskers and a bowler hat.

It was part of an exhibition to mark the centenary of the opening of Waterloo Station. The Exhibition—prints, photographs and models depicting the life of the station from 1848 to the present time—was declared open by Sir Herbert Walker, who was successively General Manager, London and Southwestern Railway, and Southern Railway, from 1912 to 1938.—Reuter.

PARLIAMENT PROTESTS

Kiel, June 15.

The Schleswig-Holstein Parliament sent a protest telegram to the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the House of Commons tonight because British authorities prevented them today from visiting the former German torpedo-testing grounds at Burendorf, near Eckenforde, 25 kilometres north of Kiel.

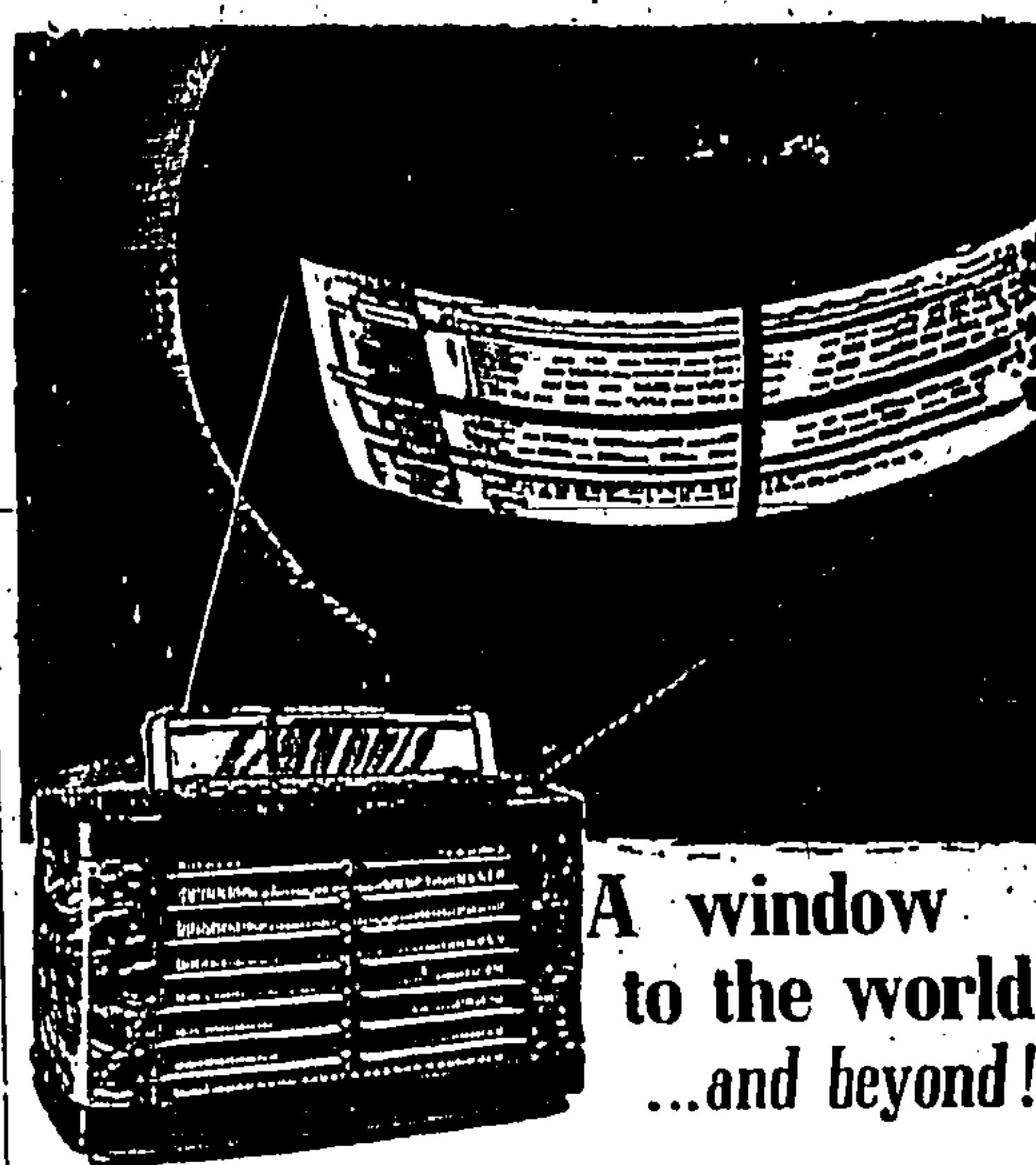
The telegram read: "The Diet of Schleswig-Holstein unanimously object to the blowing-up of the evacuated buildings of the torpedo-testing station near Eckenforde and against the undignified treatment of the Diet who were not allowed to visit the installations."

British authorities in Kiel said that the visit was not announced in advance and therefore could not be permitted.—Reuter.

U.S. WARSHIPS CONCENTRATE

Athens, June 15.

More American warships arrived at Suda Bay today bringing the total to 24—the largest concentration of American warships in Greek waters since the war.—Associated Press.



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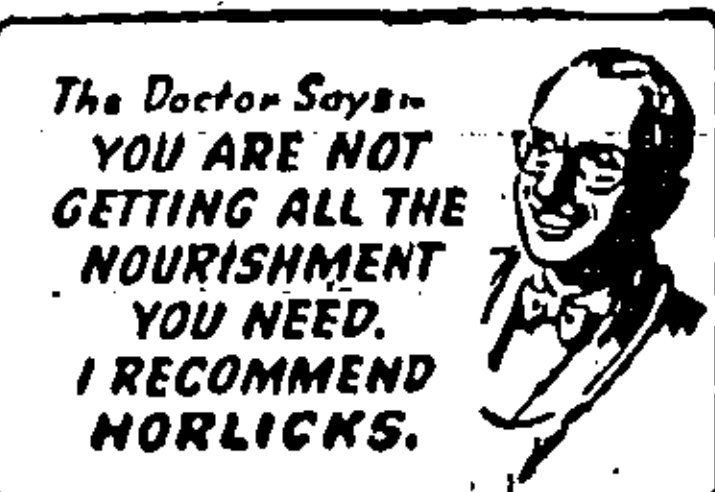
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RUSSIAN GIRL PREFERRED LIPSTICK TO LIFE IN BRITAIN WAS TOO HARD!

Moscow, June 15.

Nina Makushina, Russian wife of an Englishman, wrote in Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party paper, today that she had "done a foolish thing" when she married and went to Britain.

Recently returned to Moscow with her year-old son, she is starting divorce proceedings. She said that she was 18 when she married Mr. John Brand, a member of the British Military Mission in Moscow, and she found living conditions in London "intolerable, with insufficient food and money, the constant threat of unemployment hanging over her husband, and high rents for a poor apartment."

Russian Colonel Mystery

London, June 15.

The Secretary of War, Emanuel Shinwell, told the House of Commons today that Colonel J. D. Tassoyev, former Soviet reparations official in Germany, had been given "temporary accommodation" in a West London flat "while here as a refugee."

Mr. Shinwell, in response to other questions, said that he had no further information as to why the flat was suddenly vacated after Tassoyev left England for the present whereabouts of the woman employed as a housekeeper there at the time.

The British Foreign Office claimed that Tassoyev came here as a political refugee and returned to Europe and Soviet jurisdiction at his own request.

Tass, the Russian news agency, claimed British secret police had kidnapped Tassoyev, held him in a prisoner in a Kensington flat and beat him in the course of questioning before finally releasing him. Associated Press.

MR. HENDERSON ENTERTAINS

London, June 15.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Secretary of State for Air, gave a luncheon at the Air Ministry today in honour of Major General A. G. Ljunderhl, Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish Fighter Command, and officers of the Royal Swedish Air Force Squadron at present on a goodwill visit to Britain.

Among those present were: Mr. A. V. Alexander, Minister of Defence, The Swedish Ambassador, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder and Air Vice Marshal T. C. Traill, who commanded the R.A.F. fighter Squadron which paid a courtesy visit to Sweden last month. Reuter.

U.S. REGISTERS QUAKE

Berkeley, June 15.

An earthquake of moderate intensity, possibly in Chile or Japan, was recorded at the University of California at 1156 GMT today. Estimated distance, 5,000 miles. A Pasadena, the California Institute of Technology recorded two strong earthquakes at 1157 and 1207 GMT, 6,800 miles distant in an undetermined direction. Associated Press.

"In two and a half years, I experienced only privations, poverty and the absence of rights, I was snubbed and treated with disdain," she wrote.

Makushina said she was amazed at the "slave position" of the woman in the English family and complained of the "dirty anti-Soviet campaign" carried on by the British press about a few Soviet women, married to Britons, not being allowed to join their husbands in Britain.

Her husband, she said, agreed to a separation to give their son a "chance for a good education in the Soviet Union without fear of unemployment."

"Of those who left with me in November, 1945, for Britain, one has returned to Russia after a month and another went to another country to build a new life." Five others intend to return soon, she said. Reuter.

"High Class"

Meanwhile, in the tiny garret of a typical East End home, Mrs. George Brand told reporters tonight about Nina Mushina, her Russian daughter-in-law.

"Nina was from a very high-class Russian family—that was obvious," said Mrs. Brand.

"She could not live a life here which was absolutely opposite to ours as poor working class people. She was obviously from a family of wealth; had everything done for her by servants and always had all she desired in money, clothes and luxuries."

But Thomas Brand, John's uncle, who rented three rooms of his nearby home to his nephew and his wife when they returned from Moscow, described Nina's letter as "lies in print."

She said in her letter that she had to sell all the valuables she brought from Moscow to help John when he was out of work," said Brand. "That isn't true. She didn't bring any valuables with her."

Hated Work

"Nina was a pretty girl but spoke almost no English, hated housework and seemed to think mostly of doing her nails up and using lipstick and rouge," Brand said.

She hadn't been in England very long before she started complaining, he asserted, adding "she was always on to John forcing him to do something about it."

So John finally caved up £50 and with that Nina started back to Russia with her young son. Brand said John had not heard from her since.

John is a clerk in the Borough Surveyor's Department of the Hackney Town Council. Associated Press.

SWISS LAGGING ON GERMAN ASSETS

Berlin, June 15.

The Inter-Allied Reparations Agency today called upon the Government of Switzerland to speed up liquidation of German assets in Switzerland in order to make their proceeds available for reparations.

A resolution adopted by the 19-nation organisation demanded that the Swiss "make available immediately" the sum of 100,000,000 Swiss francs as a first advance.

Under an agreement reached in Washington in May, 1946 with the United States, British and French Governments half the proceeds from the sale of former German assets goes to Switzerland and half to the aid of reparations claimants.

Conspiracy Trial In Lisbon

Lisbon, June 15.

General Guadencio Jose Trindade today ordered the court to be cleared at 4.30 p.m. and he and his colleagues began to write their verdict in Portugal's conspiracy trial.

All defendants repeatedly denied the Government charges today in their ninth day of the trial.

After they had been heard, General Trindade asked if anyone had anything to say. Calisto Soares protested against being held in gaol for 14 months before being brought to trial.

Then the court was cleared and the tribunal began to consider the verdict. United Press.

VANDENBERG WINS SENATE FIGHT

Washington, June 15.

The Senate tonight restored most of the \$881,175,000,000 House cut in foreign aid spending by wiping out the requirement that funds be spread over a 15-month period instead of a year.

The 64-15 roll-call vote came at the request of the Senate President, Mr. Arthur Vandenberg, who asked that it be made "unmistakably plain" that the Senate overwhelmingly opposed the House's "meat axe" technique. United Press.

SOVIET TALE OF KIDNAPPING

Moscow, June 15.

A correspondent of the Soviet Army newspaper Red Star reported today that an American intelligence agent attempted to kidnap a Soviet officer in Vienna.

The paper identified the kidnapper as Edward Kerts. The paper's account stated: "Recently in the centre of Vienna, an unknown person in civilian clothing and a detachment of English military police

headed by an officer, fell upon a Soviet officer named Alexeev passing over a bridge across the Danube. They knocked him off his feet by force, put him in a waiting motor car and tried to take him away."

"Soviet Army men, who were by chance passing by, heard cries for help and hurried to the scene of the incident. Failing to assist Alexeev at the spot of the attack, they followed the speeding machine and established that the car carrying Alexeev away had been entered by Austrian police."

"Alexeev's attackers subjected him to a search and took away his identification. They attempted to pull him into the police building."

"At this moment into the police station court came a Soviet Lieutenant accompanied by two soldiers. The Soviet Army freed Alexeev and also took custody of an unknown person taking part actively in the kidnapping."

"They delivered this person to the Soviet Central Commandatura at Vienna."

"It was discovered this unknown person is an agent for the American intelligence service called Edward Kerts. Kerts was turned over to the American military authorities." Associated Press.

EIRE MINISTERS IN LONDON

London, June 15.

Mr. John A. Costello, Prime Minister of Eire, with leading members of his Cabinet, is due in London tomorrow for talks which may have a vital bearing on economic and political relations between Britain and Eire.

The Irish ministers will have their first meeting with the British Cabinet on Thursday, when they will see Mr. Clement Attlee, Prime Minister; Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary; Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade.

While the primary purpose of the talks is a trade agreement, the strength of the Eireann "team" suggests that it will be an "all in" conference with no subject barred.

It will be the first joint conference since Eamon De Valera, former Prime Minister of Eire, was defeated at the General Elections. Reuter.

PROTEST FROM BRITAIN

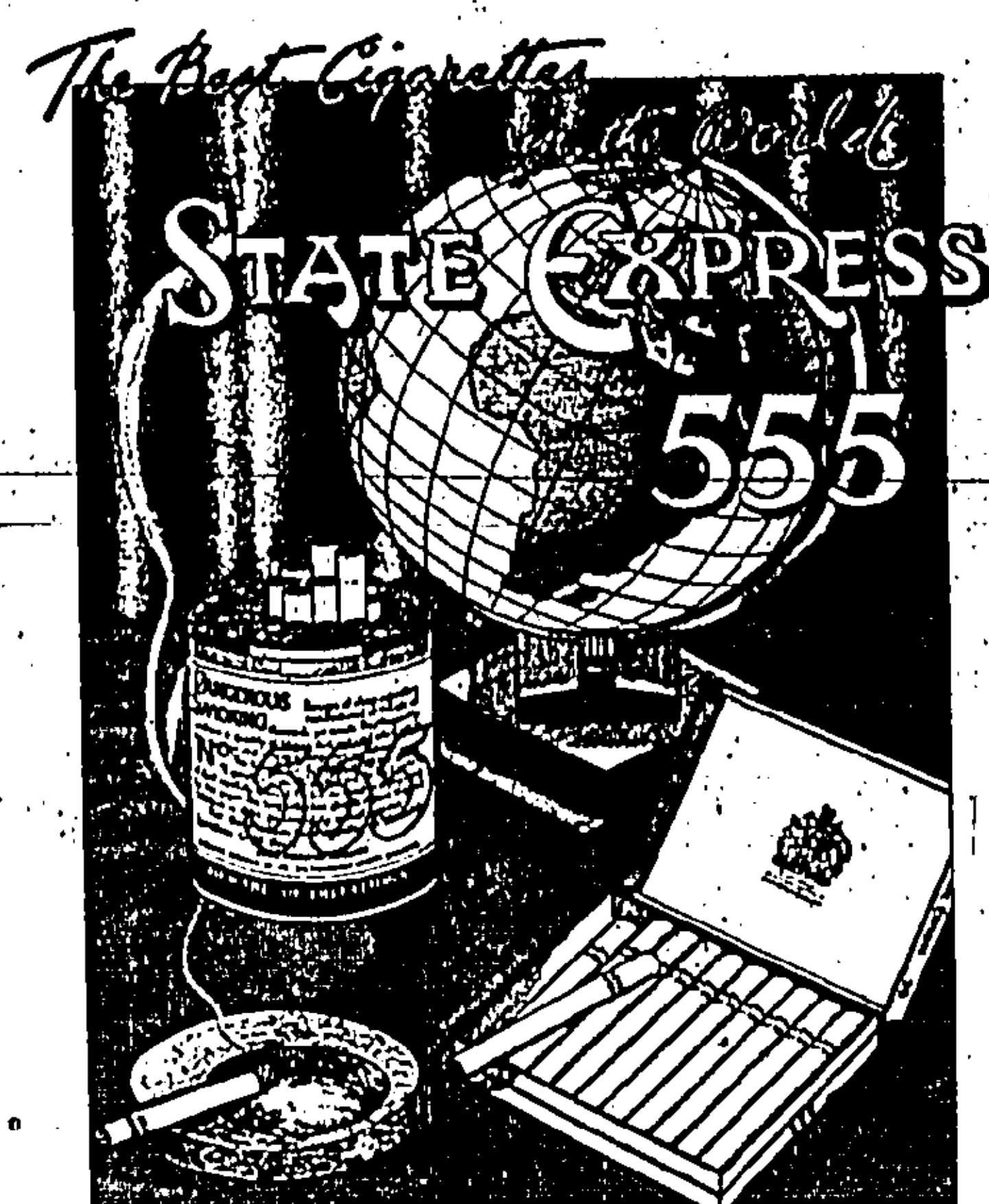
Prague, June 15.

The Press Section of the Foreign Ministry acknowledged today that the British Embassy had protested against the Czechoslovakia Government's refusal to give Alex Lawensen, a British correspondent, a visa to remain in Prague longer. Associated Press.

WIFE MURDERER REPRIEVED

London, June 15.

The first reprieve since the Government last week decided to restore the death penalty to the Criminal Justice Bill for certain classes of murder has been granted to Andry Ormeljanchuk, a Polish labourer who was sentenced to death at Worcester for the murder of his wife. Reuter.



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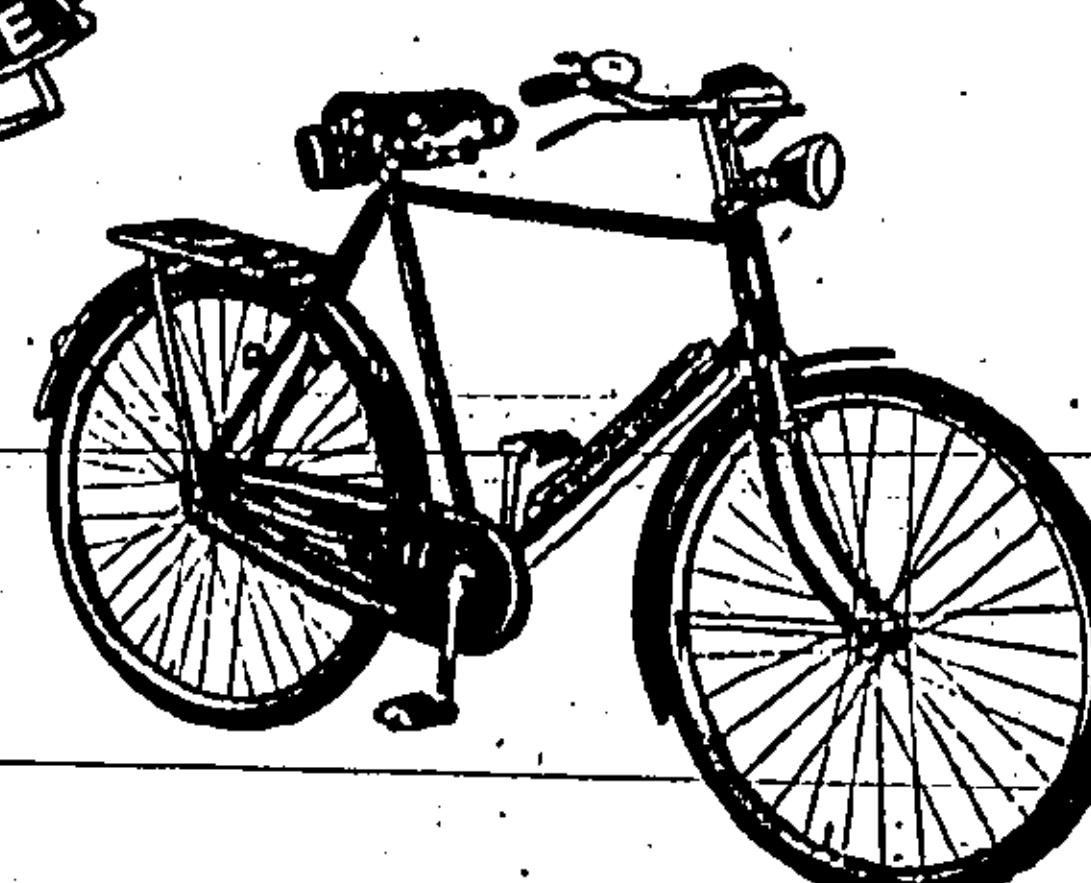
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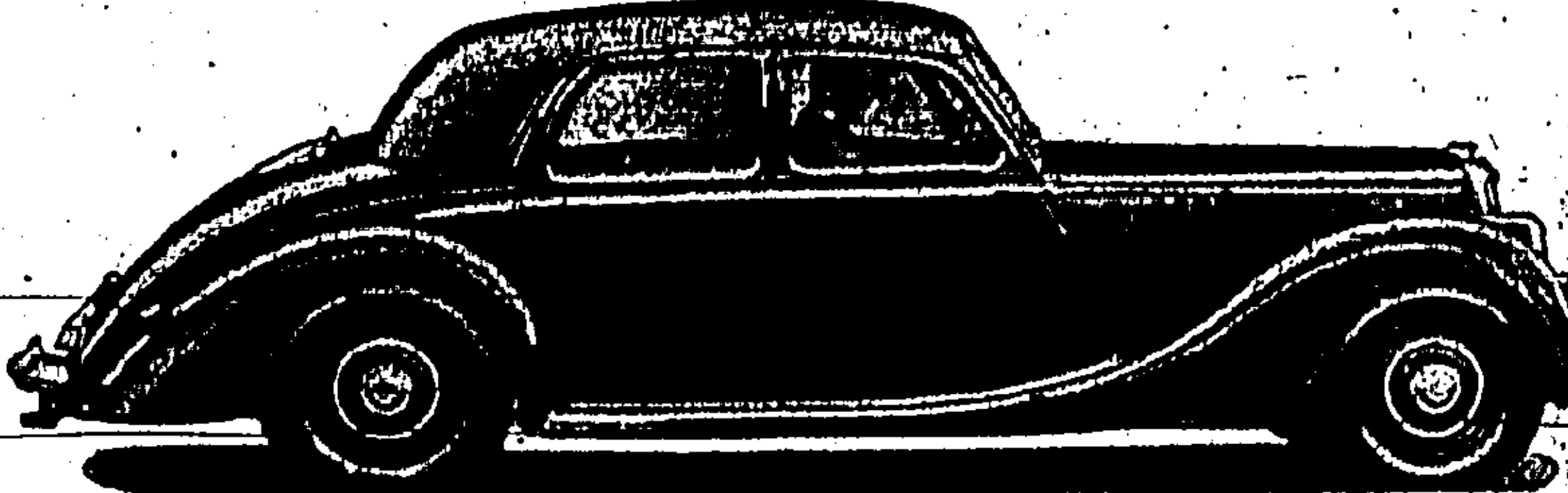
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RUSSIA PLAYING NEW TUNE: SAYS 'YES' TO DANUBE TALK

ANOTHER MOVE IN PEACE OFFENSIVE

Washington, June 15.
Russia cleared the way today for possible settlement of one long-standing East-West issue—reopening of the Danube River to free international commerce.

Showing an apparent new willingness to compromise, Moscow accepted an American proposal to call a 10-nation conference for July 30 to lift existing barriers to shipping. The river is normally the main artery of trade between Eastern and Western Europe, and its reopening is tied up with hopes of reviving that trade to help European recovery.

Russia abandoned in part its objections to letting Austria take part in the conference. It agreed that the Austrians might send a non-voting delegation. The manner in which Moscow agreed to go along with the American idea was viewed by some diplomatic officials as another gesture in the Soviet "peace offensive."

They noted, however, that Russia as well as the Western powers has a stake in reopening the Danube. They further pointed out that in the conference the Soviet bloc would have a seven to three voting margin.

Batavia Talks To Resume?

Batavia, June 15.
Premier Mohammed Hatta of the Indonesian Republic is expected here with his advisers tomorrow on the invitation of acting Governor General Hubertus J. Van Mook of the Netherlands East Indies.

A series of conferences on Dutch-Indonesian differences may develop. The Dutch have criticized counter-moves by Corb Dubois, the American member, and T. K. Critchley, the Australian member of the United Nations Good Offices Committee, looking toward a prompt settlement. The Dutch contend these moves were tantamount to bypassing the negotiating delegations.

Reliable sources report that Dubois and Critchley drafted a proposal for overall settlement. This is understood to provide for settlement of the Republic's demand for sovereignty during the interim before the establishment of a United States of Indonesia and maintenance of Republican foreign relations in the interim. The Dutch say this plan is not acceptable to the Netherlands—Associated Press.

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Portsmouth, June 15.
HMS Reclaim, built specially as a deep-sea diving and submarine rescue ship, was delivered to the Royal Navy at Portsmouth today.

Reclaim is fitted with diving bells in which men can submerge to a depth of 300 feet and instruments for detecting objects on the sea floor.

She also carries submersible guns to fire steel-tipped air lines through hulls of sunken submarines.—Associated Press.

Atomic Cancer Treatment

Washington, June 15.
Mr. Lewis L. Strauss, member of the Atomic Energy Commission, reported today that a new technique for using radioactive iodine to treat cancer "holds out hope" for curing the disease.

Mr. Strauss first made the disclosure before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee today in testimony before the House of Representatives on the Commission's budget for the 1949 fiscal year, starting on July 1.

Radioactive iodine may be administered either orally or by injection. It offers non-surgical treatment for a deep-seated tumor without damage to surrounding tissue. Once the radioactive iodine is concentrated in the infected part of the body, its radiation immediately attacks and destroys the malignant tissue.

Mr. Strauss gave no details of the technique itself.—Reuter.

The Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers on peace treaties with the Axis states.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S PURGE TO BE EXTENDED

London, June 15.
A material extension of the scope of the "purge" of Communists and Fascists working for the Government in security posts has been decided on, the Civil Service Clerical Association asserted tonight.

It stated that Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Air Minister, had informed his staff that all posts at the Ministry's Headquarters were to be brought within the scope of the "purge."

The Minister was said to be considering extending the purge to all Air Ministry establishments throughout the country.

The Association added that it understood that similar decisions had been taken by the Admiralty, War Office and the Ministry of Supply.

The Air Minister recently sanctioned the sending on leave from the Ministry of Mr. E. J. Hicks, a Communist and former President of Civil Service Clerical Association.

Mr. L. C. White, Secretary of the Civil Service Association, described this decision at the time as going beyond Prime Minister Clement Attlee's declaration. It would apply, he said, to all Communists in Service Departments.

Mr. Attlee's statement said: "There should be no general purge and no general witch hunt. It (the purge) is limited to excluding from secret work those who cannot be trusted."—Reuter.

CHARTER FLIGHT TO CANADA

A few seats are available in an Alaska Airlines Skymaster expected to leave Hongkong for St. John, N.B., on or about the 26th June.

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VIETMINH BLASTS XUAN

Saigon, June 15.
The Vietminh Indo-Chinese Nationalist Movement will intensify guerilla warfare on all fronts to prevent any large-scale French attack, Po Nguyen Giap, Commander-in-Chief of the Vietminh forces, declared in a statement over Vietminh Radio today.

The Radio also broadcast an address by Dr. Ho Chi Minh, President of the Vietminh Movement, to the Vietnam National Assembly, "somewhere in the centre of Annam," that he did not recognise the agreement for Vietnam's independence within the French Union, signed on June 5 between M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner in Indo-China, and General Nguyen Van Xuan, Premier of the Vietnam Central Government.

Dr. Ho, the Radio said, declared that the signature to the agreement of the Vietminh Emperor of Annam, "had no value," and he asked the Vietnamese to keep confidence in him to continue the war with the French—began around Christmas, 1946, as "the only means of reaching independence."—Reuter.

TRADE ACT PASSED

Washington, June 15.
The Congress passed and sent to the White House today a Republican-sponsored bill extending the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for one year.

The extended Act contained some changes in provisions of the previous Act.

The House of Representatives completed congressional action, approving the bill by voice vote after accepting amendment made by the Senate.—Associated Press.

DUTCH TRADE PACT WITH FINNS

The Hague, June 16.
Finland and Holland have initiated an agreement here which is expected to increase trade between the two countries by 20 per cent.

It covers the period between June 1, 1948 and May 31, 1949. Finland will send goods worth some 70 million guilders and Holland's exports are estimated at 74 million guilders.

Finland's exports to Holland will include newsprint and printing and waste paper as well as wood, paper, cellulose, greaseproof paper, sawn timber, mine timber, triplex, hard and soft board, matches, machines and instruments.

In return, Dutch goods will include seeds and orchard produce, potato flour, glucose, deers, linseed oil, butter, herrings, phosphate and enamels.—Reuter.

CORRECTION

A photograph published in the Wednesday Supplement yesterday referring to the commanding officer of the "Pedro Nunes," was inaccurately captioned. The naval officer in the picture was Commodore Robertson, accompanied by Flag Lieut. D. Morgan.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE

Arrivals	Salings
"TJIBADAK" from Amoy 21st June	to Javaports 23rd June

"TJITALENGKA" from Macassar 22nd June	to Javaports & Macassar 7th July
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"TJISADANE" from Macassar 24th June	to Javaports & Macassar 21st July
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ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Salings
"STRAAT MALAKKA" in port	to South Africa, via Manila, Straits & Bataavia 17th June 5 p.m.

"TEGELBERG" from South America 25th June	to Shanghai 30th June
	to South Africa, South America, 12th July

"RUYS" from South Africa 25th June	to South Africa 25th June
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Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa, Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Salings
"VAN HEUTZ" from B. Deli & Straits 29th June	to Straits & B. Deli 30th June

"HEINRICH JESSEN" from Amoy & Swatow 17th June	to Straits & B. Deli 19th June
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Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Salings
"MARIEKERK" from Japan & Shanghai 29th June	to Europe via Straits 30th June

"MOLEKERK" from Europe 29th June	to Europe via Straits 30th June
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"MEERKERK" End July	End August
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Transshipment cargo on through B/L accepted to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

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Arrivals	Salings
"SILVERBIJL" from U.S. Atlantic Ports 21st June	to U.S. via Shanghai 23rd June

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LOADING DATES IN U.S.A.

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	Early July	m.v. "TONGHAI"
Los Angeles	Late July	m.v. "MINDORO"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	18th June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
via Los Angeles	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"
	Mid. August	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	21st June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
via Los Angeles	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"
Atlantic Coast via San Francisco & Los Angeles	30th June	m.v. "HALLAND"

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MAJOR DOLLAR PROBLEM
India Getting Britain's E.R.P. Share?

London Stock Exchange

London, June 16.

SECURITIES: British Consols, 2 1/2%, 104 1/2

Conversion Loan, 3 1/2%, 104 1/2

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RELATIONS WITH
STERLING AREA

London, June 15.

American opposition to the possibility of India and Pakistan receiving dollars through the British share of the European recovery programme is believed in informed American circles in London to be a major problem to be thrashed out by Mr. Thomas K. Finletter, newly-arrived Marshall Plan administrator to Britain, and Britain's official experts.

The United States, it is thought, will strongly oppose India and Pakistan getting larger convertible balances than their sterling balances had. Britain was without ERP aid. American circles regard the matter of relationship between ERP and the sterling area as particularly urgent in view of the sterling balance negotiations between India, Pakistan and Britain, now taking place in London.

Mr. Finletter, these circles understand, thinks that it is quite wrong that the dollar expenditure of the remainder of the sterling area should, in any way, prevent Britain making not merely the maximum possible use but the entire use of all ERP loans and grants.

These views are entirely contrary to those obtainable from authoritative British financial sources in the past week.

Tough Talking

The latter circles have clearly intimated that Britain was marking time in the discussions with India and Pakistan until the outcome was decided by the present tussle between the United States Senate and House of Representatives on the total amount of ERP aid to be allocated over the coming months. Some extremely "tough" negotiations between British and American ERP authorities on this subject might be expected soon, it was thought today. It is believed that Mr. Finletter has formed some very clear ideas about how the dollar expenditures of Britain and the remainder of the sterling area could be separated, to ensure that ERP dollars are spent solely on British economic recovery without in any way breaking up the sterling area.

In this, as in all other aspects of ERP administration, American circles here feel very strongly. It is believed, that, although the United States has no right what-so-ever to dictate to any of the ERP countries what they shall or shall not do, she has a perfect right to specify on what conditions American money shall be donated or loaned for the purpose of European recovery.—Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, June 16.

Wheat rallied in late trading on short covering, induced by an advance of more than one cent at Kansas City. Wheat-closings: 1 1/2 higher. July \$2.28 1/2-3/4. September \$2.28 1/2-3/4. December \$2.28 1/2-3/4. Corn was 1/4-1/2 lower. Oats were 3/4-1 1/2 lower. Soybeans were 2 1/2-3 cents lower.—Associated Press.

INDIAN SUGAR

New Delhi, June 15.

The Government of India announced today that effective immediately it will allow the export of sugar and confectionary from India without a licence.—Associated Press.

grams 234/244 lbs. Without Counterpart 405/530. Silver ingots, per Kilo 5,700b, 5,500b; Platinum Ingots, per Kilo 800,000b, 855,000b.—Reuter.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

There was some basking indulged in yesterday morning, but it did not lead to much business.

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Bank of East Asia 140b, 145b

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Union 100b

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Jap Hopes
Of Trade
With USA

New York, June 15.

The Japanese hope to build up a sizeable trade with the United States, Walter B. Baruch, Vice-President of Schenley International Corporation, said today.

They are counting on porcelain and chinaware and perhaps on a revived use of silk, to provide dollar revenues to pay for American goods.

Mr. Baruch, newly-elected President of the Export Managers' Club of New York, recently returned from a business survey of Japan. He told the Club: "The Japanese feel that their experience in the manufacture of porcelain and chinaware will make their products competitive in world markets. The way there is a worldwide demand for these products."

The Japanese should become excellent customers for American exporters in the years ahead, he added.—Associated Press.

NY Stock Market

New York, June 16.

A rising stock market ran headlong into a selling squall in the last 10 minutes of trading on Tuesday following the collapse of soft coal and steel negotiations, and many gains were trimmed at the close. Demand for oil dominated the market most of the day after a wobbly start.

Among the losers were Sinclair Oil, Texas Company, Gulf Oil, Atlantic Refining, Ohio Oil, Deep Rock Oil, Farnsworth Television and Radio, General Electric, International Harvester, International Paper, International Telephone and Telegraph, and others. Gainers included American Waterworks, American Locomotive, and others.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 23 1/2, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 27 1/



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